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Opera Cleveland Announces 2009 Season

Opera Cleveland's 2009 Season offers the quintessential opera experience. There are the villains we love to hate--and the women who outwit them. The drama and follies of romance. Intriguing and striking visuals. And, most importantly, excellent voices matched by enthralling music. Join us at the State Theatre in Playhouse Square for a season that *includes The Barber of Seville, Falstaff and Don Giovanni.*

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

by Gioacchino Rossini

Friday, March 27, 2009 at 8 pm
Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 2 pm
Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 8 pm

Rosina, determined to escape the lecherous clutches of her guardian and marry her true love Almoviva, finds an unlikely ally in the affable and clever Figaro.

Rossini's bel canto farce will charm you with its wit and beauty.

Sung in Italian with projected English surtitles.

Director	Linda Brovsky
Rosina	Daniela Mack
Count Almaviva	Alek Schrader
Figaro	Brian Leerhuber
Dr. Bartolo	Thomas Hammons*
Basilio	Andy Gangestad

* Thomas Hammons is also singing Dr. Bartolo in our production of *Le nozze di Figaro* in Fall 2008.

FALSTAFF

by Giuseppe Verdi

Friday, June 19, 2009 at 8 pm
Sunday, June 21, 2009 at 2 pm
Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 8 pm

Falstaff is pure opera--words, music, comedy and drama so intertwined, one cannot exist without the other. This highly acclaimed production of *Falstaff* emphasizes its Shakespearean roots in a Globe Theater-like presentation.
Sung in Italian with projected English surtitles.

Director	Peter Kazaras
Falstaff	Gaetan Lapierre
Fenton	Victor Ryan Robertson
Caius	Tim Culver
Alice Ford	Caitlyn Lynch
Nannetta	Anya Matanovic
Quickly	Melissa Parks
Meg Page	Fenlon Lamb

DON GIOVANNI

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 at 8 pm
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009 at 2 pm
Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at 8 pm

Modernity and tradition coalesce into a visually arresting, innovative production, with characters in period costume juxtaposed with strikingly abstract, modern sets. We are pleased to feature Kris Stone's critically acclaimed design, as created for The Florentine Opera Company.
Experience Mozart's masterpiece as you never have before.
Sung in Italian with projected English surtitles.

Director	John Hoomes
Don Giovanni	Morgan Smith
Donna Elvira	Alyson Cambridge
Leporello	Matthew Burns
Donna Anna	Janinah Burnett
Don Ottavio	Jonathan Boyd

Masetto/Commendatore **Scott Conner**
Zerlina **Fenlon Lamb**

Guarantee the best seats in the house by subscribing. Full subscriptions for the 2009 season start at just \$60. Plus, for a limited time, you can add the remainder of our 2008 season to your 2009 subscription. Add both *Le nozze di Figaro* and *Hansel and Gretel* for the price of one. See five productions for as low as \$80!

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