

## WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE

### Opera Cleveland Takes Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro* for a Spin

Rivalry, lust and deception compete with true love in *Le nozze di Figaro*, threatening the impending nuptials of servants Figaro and Susanna. Will they navigate this maze of comic deceit? Delve into the hilarity and romance at the State Theatre Sept. 26, and 28, and Oct. 4.

Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, set in the splendor of Count Almaviva's country home in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, takes the audience on a journey through the hilariously revolutionary satire of aristocratic life. This cornerstone of operatic repertoire unravels into a zany series of mistaken identities leading to humiliation and eventual forgiveness.

The cast, led by Director Peter Kazaras and Conductor Dean Williamson, energetically breathes new life into this traditionally staged classic. It includes the philandering Count Almaviva (Corey McKern), his beautiful wife Countess Almaviva (Elaine Alvarez), faithful servants Figaro (Jason Hardy) and fiancée Susanna (Maureen McKay), as well as the incorrigible Dr. Bartolo (Thomas Hammons, who will be reprising the role of Bartolo in our 2009 production of *The Barber of Seville*).

Performances on Friday and Saturday begin at 8 pm with the Sunday matinee beginning at 2 pm. Performances will last approximately 3 hours and 10 minutes, which includes two 20-minute intermissions. All ticket holders are welcome to attend the free pre-opera lecture held in the theater one hour prior to the curtain.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$135 and are on sale now. Purchase online at [www.operacleveland.org](http://www.operacleveland.org); by phone at 216-241-6000 or at the State Theatre box office, 1519 Euclid Ave. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more by calling 216-575-0903 ext. 221. *Le nozze di Figaro* will be sung in Italian with English "subtitles" projected above the stage.

**CAST & CREW** (biographical information available at [operacleveland.org](http://operacleveland.org))



**Elaine Alvarez**  
(Countess Almaviva)



**Maureen McKay**  
(Susanna)



**Jason Hardy**  
(Figaro)



**Corey McKern**  
(Count Almaviva)



**Carolyn Kahl**  
(Cherubino)



**Thomas Hammons**  
(Dr. Bartolo)



**Gloria Parker**  
(Marcellina)



**Philippe Pierce**  
(Don Basilio/Curzio)



**Maryann Madden**  
(Barbarina)



**Peter Kazaras**  
(director)



**Dean Williamson**  
(conductor)

**Benjamin Percy**  
**Alison Mizerski**  
**Valerie Wheeler**  
**James Darrah**  
**Janet Bollick**  
**Heidi Boone**  
**Lisa Lock**  
**CM Shearer**

Lighting Designer  
Wig and Make-up Designer  
Production Stage Manager  
Assistant Stage Director  
Costume Coordinator  
Prop Master  
Choreographer  
Chorus Master

Sets and Costumes from Banff Summer Arts Festival

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## MEET the CAST

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
**at 7 pm**  
Joseph-Beth Books  
in Legacy Village

Find out more about  
the cast of *Le nozze di*  
*Figaro* at the fun and  
casual Q&A event,  
which is FREE and  
open the public.