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Emerging Artists Perform Mozart Classic to Sold Out Crowd

Calgary, AB – Calgary Opera’s 2010-11 Emerging Artists lift the Arrata Opera Centre with Mozart’s airy light-hearted music as they perform ***Così fan tutte*** this May. Performances take place at the **Arrata Opera Centre – May 4, 6, 10 & 12 at 7:30 pm** with a special matinee performance on **May 8 at 2:00 pm**. All performances are sold out with the exception of the **May 4** preview performance. Tickets available through Calgary Opera box office at (403) 262-7286 or online at www.calgaryopera.com. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$10 for students.

A familiar favourite, ***Così fan tutte*** is a playful story about two couples madly in love and engaged to be married. The men’s faith in their fiancées’ devotion offends the cynical Don Alfonso. He proposes a wager that they, like all women, are fickle. The soldiers can’t resist the chance to prove their unwavering love and the bet is on, with love and fidelity on the line.

“We’re thrilled to have Bob White directing his first opera with us. He has an established track record working with and mentoring young artists in training in the theatre community, so he was the natural choice to direct ***Così fan tutte***,” says General Director and CEO, W.R. (Bob) McPhee.

Così fan tutte is conducted by Calgary Opera’s **Gordon Gerrard** and stage directed by former Alberta Theatre Projects Artistic Director and Betty Mitchell Award winner, **Bob White**. Starring in the performance is **Erin Armstrong** as Fiordiligi, **Jennifer Sproule** and **Cassandra Warner** alternating as Dorabella, **Brent Calis** as Guglielmo, **Adam Fisher** and **Martin Sadd** alternating as Ferrando, **Allison Cecilia Arends** as Despina and **Vasil Garvanliev** as Don Alfonso.

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