



ANCHORAGE OPERA

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Anchorage Opera's *The Barber of Seville* Opens Saturday, February 7th

What: Gioacchino Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, sung in Italian with English supertitles
Where: Discovery Theater, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts
When: Saturday, February 7 at 8pm
Wednesday, February 11 at 7pm
Friday, February 13 at 8pm
Sunday, February 15 at 4pm
Tickets: \$35 - \$105 available through CenterTix.net and 263-ARTS.
Youth/Senior and Student/Military discounts available through CenterTix.
Information: www.anchorageopera.org (907) 279-2557

(Anchorage, Alaska – February 2, 2009) Anchorage Opera's 2008-09 season continues with a stylish, new production of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* which opens Saturday, February 7th in the Discovery Theater. AO's sparkling production of *The Barber of Seville* will be lead by former Assistant Conductor of the Metropolitan Opera, William Hicks. Anchorage favorite, Bill Fabris will direct a stellar cast of accomplished singers including critically acclaimed, Alaskan soprano Kate Egan as Rosina.

Anchorage Opera (AO) is committed to educating the community about opera and reaching out to people who are new to the world of opera. There are several opportunities to learn more about *The Barber of Seville*. The AO website, www.anchorageopera.org, has a wide range of information on the opera and cast. *Brown Bag Opera* is a behind-the-scenes look at the mainstage performance, co-sponsored with Anchorage Public Library. It will be held Friday, February 6th, 12 noon in the Assembly Chambers at the Loussac Library. And, *Before the Opera* is a 30-minute talk hosted by AO General Manager Torrie Allen that's filled with insights about the opera and answers to your questions. *Before the Opera* starts an hour before each performance in Voth Hall at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

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Anchorage Opera presents

Il Barbiere di Siviglia

(The Barber of Seville)

Music by Gioacchino Rossini

Libretto by Cesare Sterbini

Adapted from the play by Pierre Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais

Cast, in order of vocal appearance:

Fiorello, *servant to Count Almaviva*
Count Almaviva, *in love with Rosina*
Kitchen Wench
Figaro, *the barber*
Doctor Bartolo, *Rosina's guardian*
Rosina, *the ward of Doctor Bartolo*
Don Basilio, *Rosina's music teacher*
Berta, *Doctor Bartolo's housekeeper*
Ambrogio, *servant to Doctor Bartolo*
Officer of the Guard
Notary

Steve Dixon
Dillon J. McCartney
Christine Keene
James Taylor
Todd W. Robinson
Kate Egan
Won Cho
Nancy Caudill
Shane Mitchell
Justin Birchell
William L. Lubke

Conducted by William Hicks

Directed by Bill Fabris

Set Design by Amanda Walker

Lighting Design by Lauren MacKenzie Miller

Costumes designed by Howard Tsvi Kaplan for the Sarasota Opera

There will be two fifteen - minute intermissions.