

## ANCHORAGE OPERA

Enriching Alaskan Life for Nearly Half a Century

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## Fire Up you Winter with Anchorage Opera's *Eugene Onegin*

**What:** *Eugene Onegin* by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Sung in Russian with English supertitles

Conducted by Timothy Myers & Directed by Cynthia Edwards

**When:** 8 p.m. Sat., Feb. 6, 7 p.m. Wed., Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m. Sun., Feb. 14

**Where:** Discovery Theater, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

**Tickets:** \$35-\$105. Call 263-2787 or visit [www.centertix.net](http://www.centertix.net)

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**Web:** [www.anchorageopera.org](http://www.anchorageopera.org)

(Anchorage, Alaska – January 27, 2010) Anchorage Opera (AO) continues its exceptional 2009-2010 season **The POWER OF LOVE** Saturday, Feb. 6 with the first Russian opera ever produced in Alaska, *Eugene Onegin*. *Eugene Onegin* is power, passion, romance, danger, elegance and beauty from the composer that brought you *The Nutcracker* and the *1812 Overture*, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

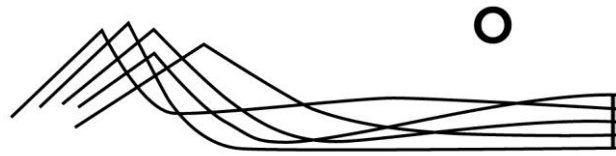
AO welcomes back Anton Belov as *Onegin*, Matthew Pena as *Lensky*, Todd Robinson as *Gremin* and Sherri Weiler as *Larina*. The production will also feature Veronica Mitina as *Tatyana*, Lara Stevens as *Olga*, Janice Meyerson as *Filipyevna*, and local performers John Fraser, Kyle Gantz and Frank Delaney. Timothy Myers returns to conduct and Cynthia Edwards returns to direct this production.

Based on Alexander Pushkin's novel, *Eugene Onegin* is a one of Tchaikovsky's most recognized operas, capturing audiences with its powerful love story and music so beautiful it will leave audiences begging for more. The young *Tatyana* falls in love with her neighbor, *Onegin*. The arrogant *Onegin* rejects her love until years later but is too late ... she has already wed another.

Other AO events occurring during the week of the main stage production of *Eugene Onegin* include:

- *We Salute You*, a 1940s Musical Benefit Concert for the Military (see attached information)
- The *Dark Night Series* continues with the presentation of *A Hand of Bridge*, *Malady of Love* and various arias by Margit Jensen, soprano. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Discovery Theater.
- Dinner on the set of *Eugene Onegin* (see attached for more information)

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Anchorage Opera continues its commitment to educating the community about opera and reaching out to people who are new to the world of opera. There will be several opportunities to learn more about *Eugene Onegin*. The AO website, [www.anchorageopera.org](http://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 main-stage performances, co-sponsored with Anchorage Public Library. It will be held the Friday before the shows open, at 12 noon in the Assembly Chambers at the Loussac Library. And, *Before the Opera Chat* is a 30-minute talk filled with insights about the productions and answers to your questions; *Before the Opera Chat* starts an hour before each performance in the Discovery Theater at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

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