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**Anchorage Opera Hosts *Big Wild Opening Night Party*
Saturday, November 7**

What: Anchorage Opera's *Big Wild Opening Night Party*

When: 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 to 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8

Where: Discovery Theatre Lobby,
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets: \$25. Call 263-ARTS or visit www.centertix.net

Web: www.anchorageopera.org.

After opening night performances of *Pagliacci* and *Sister Angelica*, the Anchorage Opera (AO) will host a party celebrating the kickoff of its 2009-10 Season *The Power of LOVE*. Inspired by *Pagliacci*, the party will deliver a Big Top atmosphere, including performances by local circus artists including Celeste Kelly, hoops, and Meghan Holtan, slack rope/stilts/juggling.

In previous years, AO has hosted a formal opening night dinner. The new relaxed and affordable format speaks to AO's recent efforts to bring opera to a broader audience.

The Opening Night Party features appetizers by Asian-fusion restaurant Ginger, a cash bar, door prizes, a DJ and dancing. Partiers also can mingle with the stars of *Pagliacci* and *Sister Angelica*.

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Anchorage Opera (AO) is one of America's leading regional opera companies. As a non-profit performing arts organization, AO's mission is to serve as the center of opera in Alaska providing the finest operatic experiences to residents and visitors, while also serving as a professional resource for American artists, administrators and technical staff, helping them to refine their talent and perfect their craft.

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