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Center City Opera Theater presents *La Bohème*

An exciting new production of La Bohème in downtown Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa. - (February 20, 2012) - Center City Opera Theater presents *La Bohème*, Puccini's classic opera in four acts. Performances begin on Friday, April 13 at the Prince Music Theater in Philadelphia and are fully-staged, costumed, and sung in original Italian libretto by members of CCOT's Young Artist Program.

La Bohème will be CCOT's second Young Artist Production of the 2011-2012 season, following the English-translated performance of *The Marriage of Figaro* in February at the Prince Music Theater. *La Bohème* will be shortly followed by CCOT's east coast premiere of Daniel Catan's *Il Postino* in May and the world premiere of CCOT's commissioned work *Slaying the Dragon* by Michael Ching with libretto by Ellen Frankel.

All of the roles in *La Bohème* are sung by members of our Young Artists Program, a program that helps artists emerge into opera careers by spending a year in Philadelphia with Center City Opera Theater. During that time they develop their craft and gain valuable stage experience through challenging roles offered at a professional company.

La Bohème tells the story of a group of young bohemians living in Paris in the 1830's. A poet named Rodolfo and a painter named Marcello desperately attempt to earn a living off their artwork. While Marcello goes out to celebrate with friends at a local cafe one night, Rodolfo stays behind to write and meets a young woman named Mimi whose candle has blown out in the stairwell. The two begin a romance while Rodolfo and his old flame Musetta rekindle their own relationship the very same evening. The various relationships soon begin to crumble under the weight of poverty, jealousy, and disease.

Tickets are \$39 and can be purchased online at OperaTheater.org

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Center City Opera Theater's mission is to present opera productions of the highest professional quality with a focus on new work and education, recruiting new audiences through intimacy and affordability of performances and providing opportunities for emerging opera professionals. Now in its 13th season, CCOT remains the only professional opera company in the United States whose primary mission is the development and production of new opera works.

PRESS RELEASE SUMMARY

WHAT: La Bohème

WHO: Center City Opera Theater

WHEN: April 13 & 14, 2012, 8pm; Sunday, April 15, 2012, 2pm

WHERE: Prince Music Theater, Philadelphia

COST: \$39 general; \$59 VIP seating; \$10 student rush

Tickets available online by visiting www.OperaTheater.org

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