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Opera Lyra Ottawa Newsletter

November 2010

La Camerata*

* a gathering of writers & musicians who, in the 16th Century, met to discuss art and experiment with the art form that is opera.

Meet the cast...

Opera Lyra Ottawa is pleased to introduce you to the cast of:

Hansel & Gretel



Gretel - Marie-Claire Fafard-Blais, Soprano (Gatineau, QC)

Mother/Witch - Bethany Hörst, Soprano (Kitchener, ON)

Hansel - Sarah Christina Steinert, Mezzo-soprano (Peterborough, ON)

Father/Cat - Mark Gough, Baritone (Toronto, ON)

Stage Manager - Erin Finn

Adapted and Directed by Ann Hodges

Music Director & Pianist - Judith Ginsburg

The cast of *Hansel & Gretel* are members of the Company's opera training program, the [Opera Studio](#). This training program prepares up-and-coming Canadian singers, stage directors, conductors/ répétiteurs and stage managers for professional operatic careers. It is at the heart of Opera Lyra Ottawa's commitment to developing and nurturing Canadian talent and is supported through our fundraising campaigns.

The Opera Studio program enables these artists to move on to either more advanced training programs or to the mainstage itself. Every year, the *Opera Studio* produces and performs a one-act opera for young audiences and families. This season they adapted and designed an abridged version of Engelbert Humperdinck's

[Hansel & Gretel](#) - sung in English and accompanied by piano.

Bethany Horst who plays the Witch and

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This just in...

Opera Lyra Ottawa's Fall Colours Auction on October 20th was a splendid evening full of good music, good wine, good company and great auction offerings.



Lt.Gen. Andrew Leslie, Karen Leslie, Malcolm McCulloch, Tyrone Paterson.

Auction Co-chairs Lt.Gen. Andrew Leslie and Mrs. Karen Leslie and hosts The Right Honourable Joe Clark and Ms. Maureen McTeer, along with Opera Lyra Ottawa's Chairman of the Board Malcolm McCulloch and Artistic Director, Tyrone Paterson welcomed Senator Pamela Wallin and guests to this 40's inspired evening.

Read all about it in Caroline Phillips' column in The Ottawa Citizen - [Operatic Auction](#).



Rt.Hon. Joe Clark & Ms. Maureen McTeer



Mother writes about preparing for her dual roles on our blog. For more go to maestroty.wordpress.com.

Hansel tricks the near-sighted Witch by giving her a twig to measure instead of his finger.

After a successful run of this lively 50-minute show for the public and elementary schools at the NAC 4th Stage in October, the talented cast and crew took the show on the road for the first two weeks in November. They packed up their colourful set, costumes and (when necessary, a piano) and [toured elementary schools](#) throughout the Ottawa/Gatineau region.



Enchanted elementary school kids



Stage Manager Erin Finn, Musical Director/pianist Judith Ginsburg and cast of Hansel & Gretel wave goodbye to the kids.



Senator
Pamela Wallin

Committed to supporting their opera company, donors generously gave enticing auction offerings and guests out did themselves to out bid each other for great travel packages, wines, cigars, fine dining, fashions and artwork. Funds raised support Opera Lyra Ottawa's Outreach and Education initiatives including their Opera Studio program.



MCpl Rob McKinnon - Sax, Cpl Michel Cousineau - Piano, Cpl Gabriel Bruchard - Bass, Cpl Lisa Bebyck - Drums

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Coming soon...

OPERANTICS!

November 14, 2010 - Shows at 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM
at the Canadian Museum of Civilization

Highlights from *Hansel & Gretel*

Starring the Opera Lyra Ottawa Studio Singers

This 20-minute performance accompanied by piano is a delightful way to introduce children, especially those under 12 years of age, to the magical world of opera.

Call Opera Lyra Ottawa at 613-233-9200 ext. 221 for more information.

Coming in 2011...

[Lucia di Lammermoor](#)

by Donzetti.

March 26, 28, 30, April 2
NAC Southam Hall, 8:00 PM

This all-Canadian cast stars [Tracy Dahl](#) as Lucia who falls in love with Edgardo the enemy of her clannish family, [Marc Hervieux](#) as Edgardo, who hopes to end the feud and marry Lucia and [Greg Dahl](#) as Enrico who betrays his sister and forces her to marry another for money. Lucia's descent into madness is legendary.

Love, betrayal and death! We at Opera Lyra Ottawa can hardly wait. Our Artistic Director, Maestro [Tyrone Paterson](#) is conducting the National Arts Centre Orchestra.



If you're hoping a "Secret Santa" leaves you a pair of tickets under the tree, or if you'd like to give the gift of opera, call Laura for more information at 613-233-9200, ext 221 or lbeks@operalyra.ca. Laura can keep a secret.

Did you know...?

Did you know that the composer Gaetano Donizetti died in a state of mental derangement due to neurosyphilis? Enid Peschel, Ph.D, and Richard Peschel, M.D., Ph.D, published a paper that hypothesizes "that the composer's brain disease, which led to his psychosis and death, may have had an influence on his ability to create the powerful and unforgettable scenes of psychosis in his operas."

Want to know more?

Click below to read their paper:

[Donizetti and the Music of Mental Derangement: AnnaBolena, Lucia di Lammermoor, and the Composer's Neurobiological Illness](#)

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