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This just in...



La Camerata Newsletter

June 2011

Opera stars and haute couture...

On June 3, a few of **Opera Lyra Ottawa's** staff attended a lovely media cocktail launch at [McCaffrey Haute Couture](#) in Ottawa. The occasion was the unveiling of the new face of their designs - mezzo-soprano **Wallis Giunta**.

That's right, the same [Wallis Giunta](#) who will be taking the stage in our production of *Cavalleria rusticana* this September!

Ms. Giunta is an amazing singer, who got her start right here in Ottawa singing in children's choirs and various local shows. She told us that *Opera Lyra Ottawa* inspired her to choose opera. She attended the University of Ottawa, the Glenn Gould School in Toronto, and has since moved on to take the U.S. and Europe by storm - not too shabby for a 25 year old! In fact, for the 2011-2012 season, she joins the *Lindemann Young Artist Development Program* at the Metropolitan Opera in New York - one of the world's most prestigious (not to mention hard to get into!) programs.



In her new modeling assignment, Wallis will be the exclusive face of **David McCaffrey** designs. His beautiful creations will follow her wherever she performs, and they're making quite the splash so far. Because what goes better with opera than glittery, shimmery ball gowns?

Check out her website for sound clips, an extensive bio, and loads of photos from the McCaffrey collection. And then book your tickets to see her in [Cavalleria rusticana](#) this September!

One evening, four rising opera stars...

Each of the singers performing a variety of arias at the [Italian Garden Party](#) on June 22 are stars on the rise and have performed or will be performing with the Company throughout the season. Come and enjoy this sensational mix of vocal talent!

Arminè Kassabian is one of the Opera Studio members for 2011-2012, Jonathan Estabrooks is singing Silvio in the mainstage production of *Pagliacci* in September, Graham Thomson is a graduate of the [Opera Studio](#) program and sang Normanno in our spring production of *Lucia di Lammermoor* and Inga Filippova-Williams will sing Nedda in our Young People's Opera Matinee on September 16th.



Arminè Kassabian



Jonathan Estabrooks



Graham Thomson



Inga Filippova-Williams



Did you know...?

..the [Lucia di Lammermoor](#) poster is winning awards for the McMillan Ad Agency? This spring the poster has won the Bronze Award at *The Summit Creative Awards* and the Award of Excellence at the *IABC Ottawa Chapter Excel Awards*. The *Lucia di Lammermoor* campaign also won the Award of Merit. Congratulations! [Read all about it.](#)

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