



This just in...

La Camerata Newsletter

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From all of us at Opera Lyra Ottawa...

Dear friends,

The decision to cancel Opera Lyra Ottawa's two remaining productions this season - **The Flying Dutchman** and **Tosca** - was a difficult, but necessary, call to make. Financial issues throughout the artistic community are an unfortunate reality these days and we are not immune.

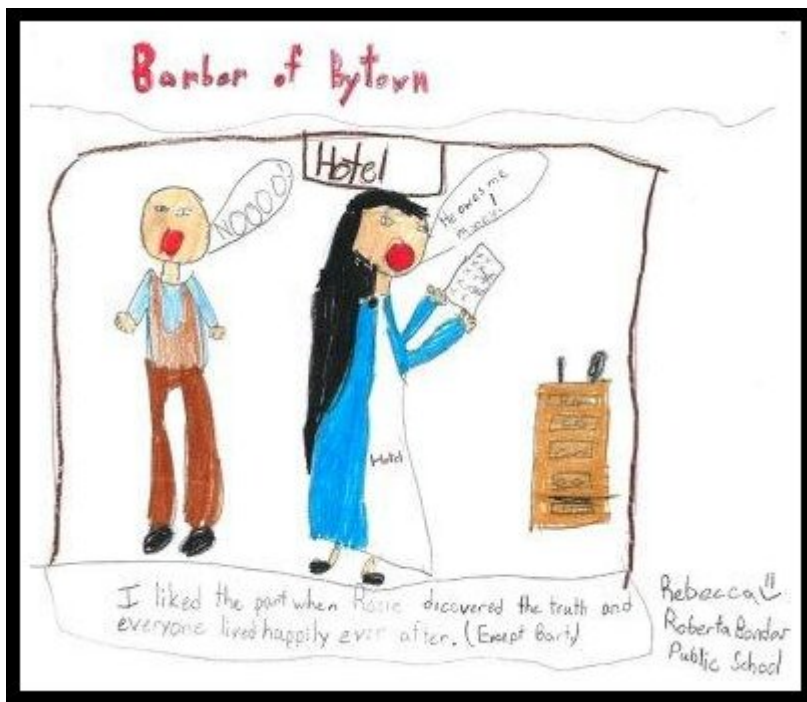
But this is far from the end of OLO's continuing artistic success! As we take up the challenge to strengthen our finances, we are also busy planning for the 2012-2013 season.

We're thrilled to be able to announce that our next season will see a fully staged production of **La Bohème** in September 2012, and a concert version of **La Traviata** in February 2013. We will also be continuing our community outreach activities to introduce elementary school students to opera and to develop the talent of emerging opera singers.

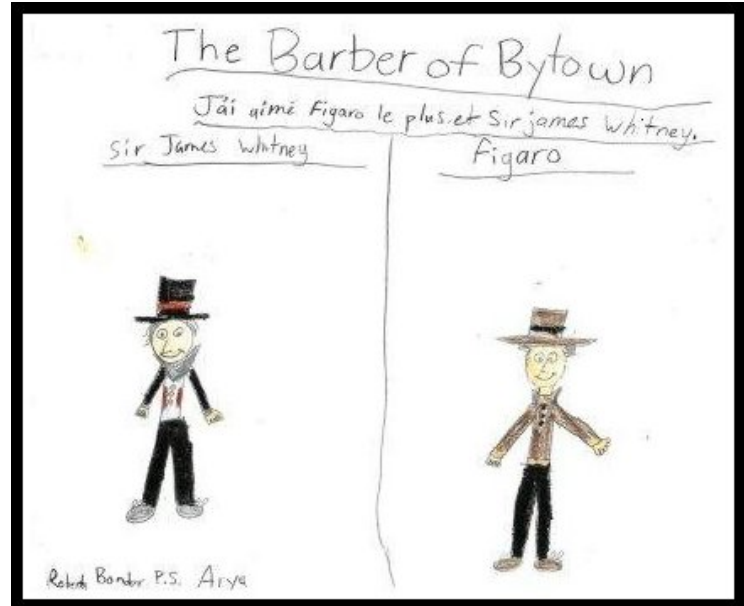
We hope you will continue to support Ottawa's only professional opera company and I look forward to seeing you at our next performance!

This Just In...reviews of the **The Barber of Bytown** from the students of **Roberta Bonder Public School!**

The reviews from elementary school students and families after attending **The Barber of Bytown**** were clear. They loved the singing, the characters and the pies! The show is about *Figaro*, a barber from Bytown and jack-of-all-trades, who endeavours to bring the young miner *Al* together with his lady love *Rosie* despite the devious dealings of the dastardly innkeeper, *Bart*.



Cathy Thompson, who teaches grades 3 & 4 at Roberta Bonder P.S. wrote to say the production was wonderful and students loved it! Here's a sample.



Originally created by **Vancouver Opera, the set, props and colourful costumes were designed by **Christine Reimer**.

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Did you see the article in the Ottawa Citizen about **The Brian Law Opera Competition?** ([3 arias, 6 rising stars, and \\$9,000 in prizes](#)). It's taking place this Sat. Nov. 19, 7:00 pm at First Unitarian Congregation, 30 Cleary Ave. And the Citizen advises those interested to reserve tickets in advance.

There are 6 finalists performing who were selected out of a field of 22 applicants. Three of the finalists are from the **Opera Lyra Ottawa Opera Studio: Arminé Kassabian, Emanuel Lebel** and **Bethany Hörst**. Arminé Emanuel starred in *Opera Lyra Ottawa's* recent Young People's opera - *The Barber of Bytown* and Bethany starred as the wicked witch in last season's production of *Hansel & Gretel*.

The Brian Law Competition takes place every 2 years and is one of the highest profile vocal events to take place in our community.

The competition 2 years ago was sold out and standing room was full. If any of you are interested in coming out to support **Opera Lyra Ottawa's Opera Studio** artists, get a taste of this wonderful event, and hear some fabulous singing, the number to phone to reserve tickets is 613-830-9827. Ticket cost is \$25 General, \$10 Student.



Emanuel Lebel & Arminé Kassabian - *The Barber of Bytown*



Bethany Hörst as the witch in *Hansel & Gretel*



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