



This just in...

## La Camerata Newsletter

September 2011



Cav/Pag banner, NAC

### Counting down to opening night...

The cast and chorus, artistic and production crews for [Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci](#) are rehearsing at the NAC, the sets are loaded in and the wigs and costumes are ready...the energy behind the scenes is intense and contagious.

Through one cast member's video blog, everyone is invited back stage to learn more about the operas, rehearsals, the characters and performers as well as what it's like getting ready for opening night on September 10th.

This behind-the-scenes video blog series is called **A Singer's Life**. It is produced and posted by *Jonathan Estabrooks*, an accomplished baritone. He's a graduate of The Juilliard School and has performed internationally and at such venues as Carnegie Hall and the Tel Aviv Opera House. He is singing the role of *Silvio* in **Pagliacci** as well as taking us all behind-the-scenes with his video blog

during the run. Here's a sample:

[A Singer's Life - Behind the Curtain with Opera Lyra Ottawa](#) - Trailer

[A Singer's Life - The Characters of Pagliacci](#)

Stay tuned through our [Opera in Pop Culture](#) page on the Opera Lyra Ottawa website or subscribe to Jonathan's YouTube channel at [YouTube.com/jonathanestabrooks](http://YouTube.com/jonathanestabrooks)



September 10, 12, 14, 17 - [Tickets](#) on sale now!

## Opera Lyra Ottawa Chalks It Up To Great Art...

Chalk Artist **Francois Pelletier** turned his considerable talents towards the Company's *Cavalleria rustican & Pagliacci* poster last Saturday in the Byward Market. He had so much fun, he'll be doing it again on September 10th (opening night of the opera at the NAC) on George Street between Sussex and Willam. Check it out!



## Coming up next month...

The [Opera Studio](#) singers and faculty have arrived in Ottawa and gathered for a delicious and welcoming lunch provided by the enthusiastic and ever supportive [Opera Lyra Ottawa Guild](#). Not only are they busy with their own training program but all of them have roles in Cav/Pag. You'll meet them next issue.

The Young People's Opera Matinee is sold out and we'll have reviews from the high school students who attended!

Also, more about our elegant fundraiser, the [Diva Auction](#) ... coming to the new Convention Center near you in October.



## Did you know...?

...that in music an *intermezzo* is an interlude that often denotes time passing?

The Intermezzo in *Cavalleria rusticana* will be familiar to many of you as it has been used in many movie soundtracks. Most notably, in the opening of [Raging Bull](#) and in [The Godfather Part III](#), which featured a performance of the opera as a key part of the film's climax.

Opera is everywhere!

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