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HOUSTON GRAND OPERA PRESENTS *CHORUS!*

PERFORMANCES JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 13, 2009

WHO: Houston Grand Opera (HGO)

WHAT: HGO continues its 2008-2009 season with *Chorus!*, a new work conceived by award winning director David Poutney featuring various composers, opening January 30, 2009 with performances through February 13.

This fully costumed and staged production, on the scale of the grandest of grand operas (over 450 costumes and 80+ voices), stars the world-renowned **Houston Grand Opera Chorus**. With the highly acclaimed **Houston Grand Opera Orchestra** under the baton of Music Director **Patrick Summers**, *Chorus!* is an unforgettable evening of music and spectacle. See and hear some of opera's most heart-stopping choruses (from Verdi's *Nabucco* and *Il trovatore*, and Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* to Bizet's *Carmen* and more) performed alongside selections from operetta, oratorio and musical theater. *Chorus!* features solo performances by bass-baritone **Ryan McKinney** (former HGO Studio artist), tenor Shon Sims, and HGO Studio artists; soprano **Caitlin Lynch** and baritone **Octavio Moreno**. *Chorus!* is directed by **David Poutney**. **Richard Bado** is the chorus master. Sets and costumes designed by **Johan Engels**.

WHEN: Friday, January 30, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, February 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Wortham Theater Center's Brown Theater, Texas Avenue at Smith Street, Houston, Texas.
(713)-228-OPERA

ARTISTS:

Cunegonde/Jenny **Caitlin Lynch**, soprano *
Sleep/Police/Sergeant/
Khovansky/Pangloss **Ryan McKinny**, bass
Kuzka/Candide/Samuel **Shon Sims**, tenor
Maximillian **Octavio Moreno**, baritone *

Conductor **Patrick Summers**
Director **David Poutney**
Set and Costume Designer **Johan Engels**
Lighting Designer **Damien Cooper**
Chorus Master **Richard Bado**
Orchestra **Houston Grand Opera Orchestra**
Chorus **Houston Grand Opera Chorus**

* Houston Grand Opera debut

LANGUAGE: *Chorus!* will be sung in various languages with English supertitles.

TICKETS: Single tickets for *Chorus!* (inclusive of all city surcharges), start at \$20. For tickets and general information, go to www.houstongrandopera.org or call (713)-228-OPERA or 1-(800)-62-OPERA 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday–Friday and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday.

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