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On Love and Lucre: New Jersey Opera Theater's 2006 SummerFest Features Operas for Breezy Summer Days and Bright Romantic Nights

PRINCETON, NJ- People who love the vocal arts should be thrilled to learn that **New Jersey Opera Theater's SummerFest** will again showcase the talents of opera's rising stars through inventive and lively full productions on the McCarter Theatre's Berlind stage. Billed as "Four Comedies of Love," this year's theme is decidedly romantic and fun. To mark New Jersey Opera Theater's third season of opera in Princeton, this year's **SummerFest** presents three evanescent masterworks, one exciting newer opera, and a bounty of concerts in June and July.



To create the perfect atmosphere for love, mutability and some high-class hanky panky **SummerFest** will offer Mozart's captivating **Così fan tutte** in celebration of his 250th birthday. The second production is Donizetti's **L'Elisir d'Amore**, which serves up a draught of romantic longing soothed by one furtive tear and an old-fashioned happy ending. The final double bill begins with Puccini's one act **Gianni Schicchi**, charting the demise of one Buoso Donati and the hilarious shenanigans of his would-be heirs. Can the cunning scalawag Gianni Schicchi save the inheritances? Will love triumph? Only Puccini will tell. Or will **Buoso's Ghost**, created by Michael Ching in 1996, finally reveal the long-held secrets of Puccini's funniest dead man? Opera lovers will be given the first opportunity on the east coast to compare Puccini's one-act masterpiece with Ching's lively and highly entertaining one act sequel.



The grace notes to SummerFest's opera season include several free vocal concerts in some of New Jersey's most romantic settings, exciting masterclasses and lectures, plus some lively and eclectic concerts at the Berlind for a small fee.

About New Jersey Opera Theater

New Jersey Opera Theater, founded in 2002 and based in Princeton, seeks to be nationally recognized as a leader among regional opera companies – providing opera for all and arts education for a lifetime. Through high quality opera performances, sustainable education programs and related activities, NJOT will (1) stimulate, promote and satisfy interest in opera in the community, (2) create new and sustained audiences for the art form of opera and (3) foster the development of emerging artists.

Top photo: cast members of NJOT's Le Nozze di Figaro, McCarter's Berlind Theater, August 2005. Credit: Jeff Reeder

Bottom photo: NJOT's Musical Theater Under the Stars performance, Pettoranello Gardens, August 2005. Credit: Jeff Reeder

New Jersey Opera Theater's *SummerFest 2006*

Following is a schedule of some of *SummerFest's* many delights for 2006.

6/21	Wednesday	Unquiet Wednesday. FREE	Princeton Public Library	7:30pm
6/24	Saturday	West Windsor Arts Council Series. FREE	Nassau Park Pavilion	TBA, afternoon
6/30	Friday	Musical Theater Under the Stars. FREE	Pettoranello Gardens, Princeton	8:30pm
7/1	Saturday	Musical Theater Under the Stars. FREE	Pettoranello Gardens, Princeton	8:30pm
7/7	Friday	Mozart's <i>Così fan tutte</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	*8pm
7/8	Saturday	Donizetti's <i>L'Elisir d'Amore</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	*8pm
7/9	Sunday	Mozart's <i>Così fan tutte</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	2pm
7/13	Thursday	Mozart's <i>Così fan tutte</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	7:30pm
7/14	Friday	Donizetti's <i>L'Elisir d'Amore</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	8pm
7/15	Saturday	Double Bill: Puccini's <i>Gianni Schicchi</i> and Ching's <i>Buoso's Ghost</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	*8pm
7/15	Saturday	<i>Mozart and Friends</i> Concert (\$16 and \$12)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	2pm
7/16	Sunday	Donizetti's <i>L'Elisir d'Amore</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	2pm
7/18	Tuesday	Musical Theater Under the Stars (price TBA)	Dante Hall, Atlantic City	7:30pm
7/20	Thursday	Donizetti's <i>L'Elisir d'Amore</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	7:30pm
7/21	Friday	Double Bill: Puccini's <i>Gianni Schicchi</i> and Ching's <i>Buoso's Ghost</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	8pm
7/22	Saturday	Mozart's <i>Così fan tutte</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	8pm
7/22	Saturday	<i>Puccini, Verdi and Friends</i> Concert (\$16 and \$12)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	2pm
7/23	Sunday	Double Bill: Puccini's <i>Gianni Schicchi</i> and Ching's <i>Buoso's Ghost</i> (\$42 and \$49)	McCarter's Berlind Theatre, Princeton	2pm

* Opening night performances will be preceded by a lecture at 6:30pm