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BROOKLYN REPERTORY OPERA OPENS SEASON WITH FIGARO!

Love is in the air or maybe it's not as the Brooklyn Repertory Opera kicks off its fall season with Opera's most famous Marriage, Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro". All performances are in English and will be presented on November 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16 at 3:30 PM at the Brooklyn Lyceum Theatre in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

One of opera's most treasured and complex stories, "the Marriage of Figaro" is all about twenty four hours in the lives and loves of masters and servants in the 18th century. Susanna (Karmen Kluge/Stephanie Izzo), maid to Countess Almaviva (Kathleen Keske/ Jessica Sandidge) and Figaro (Soyoung Choi/Ilberto Lagana), steward to the Count (Evan Bennett/Luis Gonzalez) are about to be married. Before the marriage can take place, however, the womanizing yet watchful Count wants to bed Susanna- an absurd request in our time but legally permitted during the time of the opera! He is clearly rejected, but that doesn't stop him from trying

Susanna and Countess devise a plan to expose the philandering Count which involves swapping clothes, hiding under furniture and jumping out of windows. Once caught, he begs for his wife's forgiveness, which he ultimately receives, and all is happy with the couples in the end. In the meantime, other complications arise throughout the day in the persons of the young troublemaker Cherubino (Toby Newman/Jocelyne O'Toole), who is passionate about every woman he meets; the conniving Dr. Bartolo (Jay Gould/W. Allen Wrede) who is only out for himself, and the spinster, Marcellina (Barrett Cobb/Mary Jane Dingley) to whom a debt must be repaid..

The opera is conducted by Roger Malouf and Chris Fecteau. Tickets for *The Marriage of Figaro* are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and seniors. Group rates are also available. Brooklyn Lyceum is located at 227 4th Ave, Brooklyn, New York (located on the corner of Union and 4th avenue). It is accessible to the R Subway at the Union Street stop. For reservations or more information, call (866) 469-2687 or visit www.bropera.org.

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