



Media Release

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HPO Masterworks Season Opener Features Canadian Soprano Joni Henson

Hamilton, Ontario – The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** presents the opening concert of the Masterworks series, **Mozart Meets Strauss**, on Saturday, September 25th at Hamilton Place. Conducted by Music Director **James Sommerville**, this opening night concert features leading Canadian soprano **Joni Henson** and **Strauss**' epic tone poem *Death and Transfiguration*.

Ms. Henson is one of Canada's most thrilling young performers and she begins her 2010/2011 season with the HPO. She has performed with many leading Canadian orchestras and choirs such as the Vancouver Symphony, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, Orchestre Metropolitan du Grand Montreal and the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, and is a former member of the Canadian Opera Company's Ensemble Studio.

Special for opening night: the new dinner and a concert deal. A three-course dinner at **Incognito Restaurant and Wine Bar** (winner, Restaurant of the Year 2010) and a ticket to Mozart Meets Strauss for just \$49.99. This offer is only available through the HPO box office at 905.526.7756 or at Incognito Restaurant located at 93 John St. South in Hamilton.

The pre-concert chat, hosted by **Dr. Christian Teeuwesen**, Associate Professor of Music at Redeemer University College, begins at 6:30pm.

Concert programme includes:

Mozart: Overture to *Don Giovanni*
Strauss: Excerpts from *Capriccio*
Strauss: *Der Rosenkavalier Waltzes*
Mozart: *Bella Mia Fiamma, Addio!*
Strauss: *Death and Transfiguration*

Performance Information for **Mozart Meets Strauss**:

Date + Time: Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 7:30pm
Pre-concert chat at 6:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$19 - \$64 (HST included in price)
14-30? Join the *hpo go* program for \$10 tickets

Venue: Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

Tickets: In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East
Phone: 905-526-7756
Online: hpo.org; ticketmaster.ca

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