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Dazzling Divas in Pittsburgh Opera's "The Capulets & the Montagues"

WHAT: *The Capulets & the Montagues* by Vincenzo Bellini

WHERE: The Benedum Center for the Performing Arts

WHEN: Saturday, May 3 at 8:00 PM Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM
 Friday, May 9 at 8:00 PM Sunday, May 11 at 2:00 PM

RUN TIME: 2 hours and 35 minutes with one intermission

LANGUAGE: Sung in Italian with English texts projected above the stage.

TICKETS: Start at \$16. Call (412) 456-6666, visit www.pittsburghopera.org, or purchase in person at the Theater Square box office at 665 Penn Avenue.

Pittsburgh, PA. . . April 15, 2008. . . Pittsburgh Opera announces *The Capulets & the Montagues* (I Capuleti e i Montecchi), the exquisite *bel canto* opera by Vincenzo Bellini. Coloratura Laura Claycomb sings Giulietta to mezzo-soprano Vivica Genaux's Romeo in this pre-Shakespearean version of the classic tragedy. Tenor Arthur Espiritu plays Tebaldo, the third protagonist in a love triangle destined for disaster. Thor Steingraber directs his own acclaimed production, designed by Robert Israel for LA Opera. Pittsburgh Opera Music director Antony Walker conducts.

COMPLETE CAST & PRODUCTION CREDITS

Giulietta	Laura Claycomb
Romeo	Vivica Genaux
Tebaldo	Arthur Espiritu**
Capellio	David Pittsinger
Lorenzo	Jonathan Beyer*

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Conductor Antony Walker
Stage Director Thor Steingraber
Set & Costume Designer Robert Israel +
Lighting Designer Christine Solger-Binder
Wig & Makeup Designer James Geier
Chorus Master Mark Trawka
Fight Director Catherine Moore

- + Pittsburgh Opera debut
- ** Alumni of Pittsburgh Opera Center
- * Resident Artist of Pittsburgh Opera Center

RELATED EVENTS

Pittsburgh Opera Preview on WQED-FM (89.3)

Sunday, April 27 at 6:00 PM and Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 PM

An in-depth introduction to the singers, music and production of *The Capulets & the Montagues*.

http://www.wqed.org/fm/programs_pop.php

Free Pre-Opera Talks

One hour before every performance, Benedum Center.

Join Pittsburgh Opera for a lively behind-the-scenes introduction to *The Capulets & the Montagues*. Free of charge to all ticket holders. No reservations necessary.

Meet the Artists!

Immediately following the *Tuesday, May 6* performance, the audience is invited to join Artistic Director Christopher Hahn and members of the cast for coffee and conversation in the lower lobby of the Benedum Center (free).

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