

DON GIOVANNI– Fact Sheet

COMPOSER: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

LIBRETTIST: Lorenzo da Ponte

FORT WORTH OPERA DATES / TIMES / LOCATION:

Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 8:00 pm

Sunday, May 30, 2010 at 2:00 pm

Friday, June 4, 2010 at 8:00 pm

All performances will be held at Bass Performance Hall, downtown Fort Worth, Texas

PRIMARY CAST

Don Giovanni – Michael Todd Simpson

Leporello – Thomas Corbeil +

Donna Anna – Susanna Phillips +

Donna Elvira – Holli Harrison +

Don Ottavio – David Portillo +

Zerlina – Ashley Kerr *

Masetto – Matthew Young*

Comendatore – Matthew Treviño

Director – Richard Kagey

Conductor – Joe Illick

+*Fort Worth Opera Debut Season* **Fort Worth Opera Studio Artist*

PRODUCTION: Sets rented from Lyric Opera of Kansas City. Set design by R. Keith Brumley; costumes by Malabar, designed by Howard Tsvi Kaplan for Fort Worth Opera. Estimated running time is 2:58 with one 20-minute intermission

TICKETS: **Season tickets** and weekend packages range from \$33-\$394. **Individual tickets** range from \$17-\$149 for *The Elixir of Love* and *Before Night Falls*, and \$19-\$154 for *Don Giovanni*. Special student and military pricing available. More information and tickets can be purchased online at www.fwopera.org, or by calling 817.731.0726 or toll free 1.877.396.7372.

BACKGROUND: The dark comedy *Don Giovanni* was first performed in Prague in 1787. The commission followed a very successful *Marriage of Figaro*. Set in seventeenth-century Seville, the opera is based on the legend of Don Juan, a character who appeared in a variety of plays prior to the opera and is now part of popular culture, defined by Merriam-Webster as “a man who pursues women promiscuously.”

STORY: Don Giovanni is a young Spanish nobleman with an insatiable appetite for amorous conquests. He lies, cheats and even commits murder, and keeps getting away with it. His long list of victims not only includes women and the men who love them, but also his poor servant Leporello who is forced to help with his schemes. Several of his victims unite and plan to get revenge, but his deeds don't truly catch up to him until hell intervenes.