

## ***THE ELIXIR OF LOVE*– Fact Sheet**

**COMPOSER:** Gaetano Donizetti

**LIBRETTIST:** Felice Romani, based on the opera, *Le Philtre*

**FORT WORTH OPERA DATES / TIMES / LOCATION:**

Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 2:00 pm

Friday, May 28, 2010 at 8:00 pm

Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 8:00 pm

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

**PRIMARY CAST**

Adina – Ava Pine

Nemorino – Michael Fabiano +

Belcore – Christopher Bolduc +

Dulcamara – Rod Nelman

Giannetta – Courtney Ross \*

Director – Jennifer Nicoll +

Conductor – Stewart Robertson +

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

**PRODUCTION:** Fort Worth Opera co-production with San Francisco Opera, Opera Colorado, Boston Lyric Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, and Michigan Opera Theatre. Production concept is by James Robinson. Set design by Allen Moyer; costumes designed by Martin Pakledinaz. Estimated running time: 2:35 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](http://www.fwopera.org), or by calling 817.731.0726 or toll free 1.877.396.7372.

**BACKGROUND:** *The Elixir of Love* is a light, romantic comedy that premiered in Milan in 1832. Even though the libretto was based on another opera that opened one year earlier, Donizetti's music was compelling enough to generate 33 performances that year, and unlike its predecessor, it has been included in popular opera repertory ever since. Fort Worth Opera's production is set in a small American town in the early 1900's.

**STORY:** Nemorino is a young peasant man who is madly in love with Adina, a rich landowner's daughter, but is too shy to pursue her. When another man proposes, he is moved to action and asks the traveling quack Dulcamara for some love potion. Dulcamara hands him a disguised bottle of cheap wine and sends him on his way. Equipped with his newly discovered "courage in a bottle" and an unexpected inheritance, Nemorino wins her heart and her hand in marriage.