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### FORT WORTH OPERA WEEK ON TWITTER

FORT WORTH – *Everyday Opera*, the streaming video show of opera, food, wine and travel is leading the way in featuring Fort Worth Opera on Twitter, **May 24 – 28, 2010**. “**Fort Worth Opera Week**” encourages all Twitter users to use the hash-tag #FWOpera along with their posts to build awareness about the company and the great city where it is based.

Fort Worth Opera is in the heart of a city full of wonderful food, great attractions and unique western culture. It's all this and more that caught the attention of Lori Lewis, creator of the online community *Everyday Opera*.

“I love the direction the company is going with young singers, and an energetic, open and down-to-earth attitude about Opera,” said Lewis. “I think that's what the general public needs to see and I have a chance to highlight that!”

Those who use the hash-tag #FWOpera on their postings are entered into a drawing to win the following Grand Prize:

- Two VIP tickets to the world premiere of *Before Night Falls*
- Champagne after the show
- Participate in the after-show party with the cast members
- *Before Night Falls* autographed commemorative poster
- Recording of *Before Night Falls* (when it becomes available)

Also, Fort Worth Opera General Director Darren K. Woods will be interviewed on the *Everyday Opera* show at 1 p.m. CT on May 28, 2010, which can be heard live at <http://www.talkshoe.com/tc/73659>.

**More information** about the Fort Worth Opera Festival, including press materials and photos (call 817.269.9795 for photo password), can be found on the website: [www.fwopera.org](http://www.fwopera.org).

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**ABOUT FORT WORTH:** Fort Worth boasts a unique mix of western culture, urban sophistication and fine art. The city is home to world-renowned art organizations such as the Kimbell Art Museum, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, the Amon Carter Museum and the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. On the other end of the spectrum, the city sponsors daily cattle drives through its "Stockyards" district, hosts equestrian and livestock events throughout the year, and is home to the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. Downtown Fort Worth is a lively spot for residents and tourists; activities include fine dining, shopping, nightclubs and the opera house, Bass Performance Hall.

**ABOUT FORT WORTH OPERA:** Fort Worth Opera was founded in 1946 and is the oldest continually performing opera company in Texas, and one of the 14 oldest opera companies in the United States. In recent years, under the leadership of Darren Keith Woods, the company has gained national attention from critics and audiences alike for its artistic quality and willingness to take risks. In 2007, the company completely changed its fall/winter schedule to a condensed one-month long Festival in the spring. Darren Keith Woods, who began his operatic career in 1982 as a character tenor, joined Fort Worth Opera as General Director in 2001.

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**Schedule of 2010 Festival Performances:**

May 22	8:00 p.m.	<i>Don Giovanni</i>
May 23	2:00 p.m.	<i>The Elixir of Love</i>
May 28	8:00 p.m.	<i>The Elixir of Love</i>
May 29	8:00 p.m.	<i>Before Night Falls</i> , world premiere
May 30	2:00 p.m.	<i>Don Giovanni</i>
June 4	8:00 p.m.	<i>Don Giovanni</i>
June 5	8:00 p.m.	<i>The Elixir of Love</i>
June 6	2:00 p.m.	<i>Before Night Falls</i>