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### **Connecticut Lyric Opera Announces Its 2008-2009 Season**

**New London, CT – Sept. 1, 2008** – Following last April’s successful debut at The Garde Arts Center, New London based Connecticut Lyric Opera is pleased to announce its 2008-2009 Performance Season - the company’s sixth - highlighted by two productions at The Garde, Tchaikovsky’s magnificent romantic drama, *Eugene Onegin*, and one of the best-loved operas of all time, Verdi’s *La Traviata*.

**November 23 – 7 PM** - *Eugene Onegin* by P. Tchaikovsky at The Garde Arts Center, New London. CLO will make the Connecticut Russian-language premiere of this sumptuous romantic opera by Russia's greatest composer, starring CLO veteran, Russian baritone, Maksim Ivanov, as Onegin and featuring New York City Opera soloist, tenor Andrew Drost, as Lenski. This production will be repeated at Trinity-on-Main Performance Hall in New Britain on Nov. 28, 8 PM and Dec. 7, 6 PM.

**February 20 – 8 PM** - *Cantata Misericordium* and *The Prodigal Son* by B. Britten at First Congregational Church, New London. These two biblical stories express the eternal values of our society including respect for human dignity regardless of the circumstances; and Britten’s settings make these compositions especially approachable. This production will be premiered at Trinity-on-Main Performance Hall in New Britain on Feb. 13, 8 PM and repeated on Feb. 15, 6 PM.

**April 26 – 6 PM** - *La Traviata* by G. Verdi at The Garde Arts Center, New London. This tragic tale is one of the world's most performed operas and features local favorite, soprano Jurate Svedaite-Waller, in the title role of the woman who sacrifices her own love for the honor of her beloved’s family. This production will be repeated at Trinity-on-Main Performance Hall in New Britain on May 1, 8 PM and at Middletown High School on May 3, 6 PM. CLO will make its Northeastern CT debut with a final performance of *La Traviata* on May 9, 7:30 PM at the Hyde Cultural Center in Woodstock, CT.

The above performances are co-produced with CLO’s resident orchestra, the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, with all New Britain and Middletown performances presented by the Virtuosi.

In addition to these scheduled performances, CLO will also present an abridged English language OPERAtunities production of Mozart’s short comic opera, *The Impresario*, for elementary school students at First Congregational Church, New London, dates to be announced. Additionally, CLO will present an occasional series of recitals and programs featuring CLO resident artists at the beautiful Atrium at Harris Place on State Street, artists and dates to be announced.

### About Connecticut Lyric Opera

Founded in 2003 by a group of professional musicians and opera-lovers, CLO is based in New London and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit cultural and educational organization whose mission is:

- **Inspire:** to contribute to the cultural life of Southeastern Connecticut and beyond with the highest quality operas and concerts from the traditional and contemporary repertoires.
- **Involve:** to encourage the development of Connecticut based singers, musicians and theatrical artisans through their participation in professional opera productions.
- **Instill:** to present opera to people of all ages in such a way as to foster a love and appreciation of the form in particular, and classical and vocal music in general.

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For tickets to New London performances of *Eugene Onegin* and *La Traviata*, please call The Garde's box office at (860) 444-7373 or visit [GardeArts.org](http://GardeArts.org); for additional information about these or to purchase tickets for other CLO events, call (860) 440-3594 or visit [CtLyricOpera.org](http://CtLyricOpera.org).