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CONNECTICUT LYRIC OPERA TO PRESENT INNOVATIVE STAGING OF *LA BOHÈME*

New London, CT – October 4, 2007 – Connecticut Lyric Opera (CLO) is pleased to announce the first mainstage production of its 2007-2008 season, Puccini's beloved *La Bohème* to be performed on Nov. 16 and 18 in New London and Nov. 24, Dec. 2 and 9 in New Britain.

One of the most beloved operas of all time, Puccini's *La Bohème*, tells the story of love, poverty, romance, despair, and living for the moment while at the same time being the victim of fate. Following the lives of a community of artists, especially the poet Rodolfo and the beautiful seamstress Mimi, *La Bohème* characterizes a life tinged with regret for the loss of youth and acceptance of death, accompanied by music that is rich in melody and inspiration. CLO's adaptation of *La Bohème*, originally set in 1830s Paris, has been reset a century later between the wars; this modernization of the classic will open up a new audience to this tragic love story accentuated by beautiful music and lyrics.

This production features an outstanding blend of exciting new performers and CLO veterans, with New York based lyric tenor **John Tsotsoros** (Rodolfo) and charming young soprano **Trina Renay** (Musetta) making their CLO debuts, joining with local favorites, radiant soprano **Jurate Svedaite** (Mimi) and Russian baritone **Maxim Ivanov** (Marcello). Returning as Stage Director after a noted opera debut in last season's *Le Nozze di Figaro* is **David Jaffe**, while CLO's Artistic Director, maestro **Adrian Mackiewicz** will conduct. *La Bohème* will be performed in Italian with English supertitles and feature the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, period costumes, multi-level staging and a thirty voice chorus. The New London performances will be at First Congregational Church on Friday, Nov. 16 at 8 PM and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 6 PM, while the New Britain performances will be on Nov. 24 at 8 PM, Dec. 2 at 6 PM and Dec. 9 at 6 PM at Trinity-on-Main Performing Arts Center.

CLO is a non-profit cultural and educational organization committed to contributing to the cultural life of Southeastern Connecticut and beyond, encouraging the development of Connecticut based singers and theatrical artisans, and presenting opera to people of all ages in the hopes of fostering a love of opera and other musical performing arts. CLO is grateful for the generous support of The Frank Loomis Palmer Fund, Pfizer, Liberty Bank, Mohegan Sun, the New London Day, the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism and the many individuals who help make this season possible.

Tickets for New London performances are \$30 (preferred seating) and \$25 (general admission) for adults, \$15 / \$12.50 for students, and may be purchased by visiting **CtLyricOpera.org** or by calling **(860) 861-1069** or visit. Call (860) 612-4371 for New Britain tickets.

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