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**NYC'S AMORE OPERA ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL 2009-2010 SEASON**

**- SUCCESSOR COMPANY TO FAMED AMATO OPERA -**

New York, NY – October 16, 2009 – The newly established **Amore Opera** today announced plans for its inaugural season. Their first full production will be Puccini's "La Bohème" opening on Friday, December 11th at the Connelly Opera House, 220 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City and continuing until Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

The Amore Opera also announced that it will present a special Gala Concert with orchestra on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> honoring Maestro Anthony Amato, the founder of the Amato Opera which is the Amore Opera's predecessor company.

The Amore Opera's season will also feature main stage productions of Lehar's "The Merry Widow" in March, and Mozart's "The Magic Flute" in May. All three operas are presented in full production with a large chorus and a chamber orchestra.

Additionally, the Amore Opera will present two "Family Briefs" during December at several special matinee performances. There will be an English language version of "Hansel & Gretel" by Humperdink, and a special "kids-friendly" 90-minute version of "La Bohème".

Spring "Family Briefs" will include Gilbert & Sullivan's "The H.M.S. Pinafore", "The Mikado", "The Merry Widow" and "The Magic Flute".

The Amore Opera is the successor company to the recently closed, world-famous Amato Opera, and has been formed by the singers and instrumentalists of that company. The Amore Opera President Nathan Hull, said, "We are very honored that after 61 years of running the Amato Opera that Maestro Anthony Amato has given us his blessing. We are especially thrilled that Tony has demonstrated his confidence in us by giving us over 30 complete opera productions including all of the sets, costumes and props."

Indeed, "La Bohème" features these beloved sets and costumes from the Amato Opera. The original designer, Richard Cerullo, will be back onboard to refurbish and augment his original designs for this new production.

"La Bohème" will perform Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. There will be no performances during Christmas weekend. A special highlight of the run will be a Gala Champagne Performance of "La Bohème" on New Year's Eve.

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