

As in the past, JMC is offering one of the most beloved operas in the repertory, *L'Elisir d'amore* (The Elixir of Love) by Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848). First performed in Milan in May of 1832, this *melodramma giocoso* is truly a theatrical gem, filled with delights and buoyant sentiment. Give in to the enchantment of the elixir and allow a tear to trickle down your cheek. The production comes with sets, costumes, lighting and surtitles and features the country's rising stars of the operatic stage.

## GIVE IN TO THE ENCHANTMENT OF L'Elisir d'amore

GAETANO DONIZETTI

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"We have to be grateful to Jeunesses Musicales and the St. Cecilia Concert Series for bringing us their superb touring production of Jacques Offenbach's *The Tales of Hoffmann* [...] The staging was cramped on the small stage. The original opera, after all, calls for 22 singing roles. Jeunesses doubled, tripled and quadrupled up to cut the roll call to just seven singers. But it worked, partly because, apart from principal roles, the characters can be roughly divided into Servants, Fifth Business, Villains and Devils, but mostly because the voices were so beautiful, all strong, clear and youthful..."

Stephen Pedersen, *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse  
(Concernant l'opéra 2009-2010) *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*

"Another excellent JMC production"

Roger E. Cormier, *Acadie-Nouvelle*, Nouveau-Brunswick  
(Concernant l'opéra 2008-2009) *Le Barbier de Séville*

"In brief, a great moment of opera!"

Raphaël Hovington, *Objectif Plein-Jour*, Baie-Comeau, Québec  
(Concernant l'opéra 2006-2007) *La flûte enchantée*

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We also have the privilege of presenting an opera on tour in various regions of Canada each year. Staged by renowned artists, this performance shines a spotlight on the cream of the crop of our new generation of opera singers, and features original costumes, elaborate sets, and lighting design that is second to none.

