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### *For Immediate Release*

#### **U of M School of Music's University Opera Theatre to present Johann Strauss Jr.'s classic *Die Fledermaus* with a Hollywood twist, April 7-10**

Minneapolis, MN (2/23/2011)—The University of Minnesota School of Music's University Opera Theatre will present Johann Strauss Jr.'s classic *Die Fledermaus* at Ted Mann Concert Hall (2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455). Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 through Saturday, April 9 and at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 10. David Walsh, University Opera Theatre Director and School of Music professor, will direct and Mark Russell Smith, School of Music professor and Artistic Director of Orchestral Studies, will conduct. Pre-opera lobby discussions with the director begin 45 minutes before each performance.

Join us for a breezy presentation of Johann Strauss Jr.'s effervescent operetta *Die Fledermaus*, updated to Hollywood of the late 1920s with hilarious results! *Die Fledermaus* (*The Bat!*), a romantic comedy of immense wit and charm, was a runaway success from the day it opened. Of course, it was intended to satirize the upwardly mobile aspirations of the less-than-cultivated Viennese middle class of the late 19th century. By transferring the piece to a locale here in America equally obsessed with glitz, glamour, and narcissistic pursuit of pleasure, we hope to catch the spirit and verve of the original!

Tickets: \$22 general admission; \$12 for U of M students; group rates available. Call 612/624-2345 or visit [www.opera.umn.edu](http://www.opera.umn.edu). Two for one tickets for University students, faculty, staff, retirees and alumni.

Parking is available in the 21st Ave. ramp, one block southwest of the concert hall. Photographs available upon request. Email requests for photographs to [marsh396@umn.edu](mailto:marsh396@umn.edu). Learn more about University Opera Theatre at [opera.umn.edu](http://opera.umn.edu).

Established in 1902, the University of Minnesota School of Music offers a dynamic, comprehensive program to more than 550 music students in undergraduate and graduate programs, led by a world-class faculty of more than 50 artists, scholars and teachers. The School of Music presents more than 400 free concerts per year. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.music.umn.edu](http://www.music.umn.edu) or call 612/626-1094 for a brochure.

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