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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA OPERA THEATRE PRESENTS W.A. MOZART'S *THE MAGIC FLUTE (DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE)*, APRIL 15-18

Minneapolis, MN (2/11/2010)—The University of Minnesota School of Music's University Opera Theatre will present W.A. Mozart's *The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflöte)* this April at Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15 through Saturday, April 17 and at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Featuring music by W.A. Mozart and libretto by Emmanuel Schikaneder. In German with English Supertitles.

What can one say about this treasured and iconic operatic masterpiece that has not been said already, countless times over in its more than 200 year performance history? Yet the story of its creation raises almost as many questions as the work itself—this bizarre concoction of singspiel (singing and dialogue), fairytale and mystery play.

Our production of this lyric drama in two acts encourages performers and audiences alike to peer behind the veneer of Mozart's incontestably sublime melodies and to explore new possibilities of meaning in an opera which goes to the very heart of the values and emotions which underpin human existence. Join the The Queen of the Night and Sarastro again in the University Opera Theatre's inventive take on this opera classic.

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.

A pre-performance discussion with Walsh begins 45 minutes before each staging in the lobby of the concert hall. 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. For more information on University Opera Theatre, visit 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 or call (612) 626-1094 for a brochure.

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LISTING INFORMATION

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Tickets: \$20 general admission; \$10 for U of M students; group rates. Two for one tickets for University students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Call **612/624-2345** or visit www.opera.umn.edu.