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### **SACRAMENTO OPERA PRESENTS STUDENT NIGHT AT THE OPERA MAY 6, 2009 AT SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY CENTER THEATER**

(Sacramento, CA 4/13/09) **Sacramento Opera presents Student Night at the Opera on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7 pm, Sacramento Community Center Theater, 1301 L Street, Sacramento.** Student Night at the Opera provides classroom teachers and their students access to the final dress rehearsal of the Sacramento Opera's May production of Puccini's *La Bohème*. Tickets are as follows: K-12 students, \$5 each; college students with valid ID, \$10 each; and chaperones accompanied by two students, \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the Sacramento Opera at 916.737.1000 or purchased at the door. The performance features English supertitles. Approximate duration of the opera is two hours and 25 minutes including two intermissions.

Participating Student Night at the Opera schools include: Allen High Learning Center, Rock Creek Elementary, Sequoia Elementary, Arden Arcade Middle School, Will Rogers Middle School, Capitol Heights Academy, Discovery High School, Hiram Johnson High School, Jesuit High School, Kennedy High School, Mesa Verde High School, Natomas High School, Natomas Pathways Prep High School, Rosemont High School, and The Met Charter High School.

Part of the inspiration for the popular Broadway musical, *Rent*, and the film *Moonstruck*, *La Bohème* follows the story of young bohemians living in Paris, a poet, a painter, a musician, and a philosopher who long for a deeper connection to society, to one another, and in the case of the poet Rodolfo, to the beautiful but frail seamstress, Mimi. This opera features some of the greatest arias and music in the repertoire. Presenting **Adam Flowers** as Rodolfo, **NaGuanda Nobles** as Mimi, **Nicolai Janitzky** as Marcello, **Chris Clayton** as Schauvard, **Tom Corbeil** as Colline, and **Rochelle Bard** as Musetta. All shows, including the final dress rehearsal, feature the **Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra**, Sacramento Opera Artistic Director and Conductor, **Timm Rolek**, and the **Sacramento Opera Chorus**. **Chuck Hudson** is the stage director.

For more information, contact Joey Castañeda, Community Engagement Coordinator, at jcastaneda@sacopera.org or 916.737.1000.

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The mission of the Sacramento Opera is to produce outstanding opera, to develop and cultivate a wider public interest in opera and its allied arts, and to further music education in the region.

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