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### **SACRAMENTO OPERA ARTISTIC DIRECTOR TIMM ROLEK PRESENTS: THE ELIXIR OF LOVE OPERA TALK ON NOVEMBER 11, 2009 AT 7:30 PM**

(Sacramento, CA 11/6/09) **Sacramento Opera Artistic Director Timm Rolek presents an Opera Talk about Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love* on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, 7:30 pm at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.** This Opera Talk features Timm Rolek's entertaining introduction to the Sacramento Opera's production of *The Elixir of Love*. The Opera Talk includes a live performance from *The Elixir of Love* baritone Igor Vieira and conversation with José Maria Condemi, stage director. Gregory Mason is the pianist. Admission is \$10 for general and \$7 for Sacramento Opera subscribers. Tickets are available at the door. There is free parking at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. For more information, call 916.737.1000 or visit [www.sacopera.org](http://www.sacopera.org).

**Baritone Igor Vieira** is hailed by *Opera News* as "superb" and "show-stealing." He made his professional debut in his native Brazil, at age 17 singing the role of Dancaire in Bizet's *Carmen*. Subsequent roles have included Belcore in *L'elisir d'Amore*, the title role in *Don Giovanni*, Figaro in *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, Ford in *Falstaff*, Lescaut in *Manon Lescaut* and most recently the title role in *Pelleas et Melisande*. Mr. Vieira has sung 57 operatic roles with such companies as the Rio de Janeiro Opera, The Amazonian Opera Festival, Opera de Villecroze (France), Teatro Barakaldo (Spain), Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Opera Theater of Philadelphia, West Bay Opera, Berkeley Opera, San Francisco Lyric Opera, Rimrock Opera, Fremont Opera, Festival Opera, and Opera Santa Barbara. He was world finalist of the 1995 Luciano Pavarotti Voice Competition in Philadelphia, and a past member of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City Apprentice Program.

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