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SACRAMENTO OPERA PRESENTS STUDENT NIGHT AT THE OPERA NOVEMBER 19, 2009 AT SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY CENTER THEATER

(Sacramento, CA 11/6/09) **Sacramento Opera presents Student Night at the Opera on Thursday, November 19, 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 November production of Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*. 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 15 minutes including one 20 minute intermission. For more information, contact Joey Castañeda, Community Engagement Coordinator, at jcastaneda@sacopera.org or 916.737.1000.

Participating Student Night at the Opera schools include: Arden Arcade Middle School, Crocker Riverside Elementary School, H. Allen Hight Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Kennedy High School, Mesa Verde High School, Natomas Pathways Prep High School, Pasteur Middle School, Rock Creek Elementary School, Sacred Heart, San Juan High School, Sequoia Elementary School, Rosemont High School, and Taylor Street School.

Susan Federico, a Rocklin Unified School Teacher, commented on the May 2009 Student Night at the Opera, "Just a note to let you know how amazed and enthralled the students are after attending last night's performance. They could not believe their ears or their eyes! We cannot help but believe that we have increased the audience of opera by their exposure to such excellence. Thank you for sharing this wonderful performing art with us."

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The Elixir of Love is a timeless, wistful look at love and longing, pathos, and youthful exuberance. It's the story of a bashful and naïve farm laborer, who falls in love with the boss's daughter, Adina. His efforts at love are thwarted by the strapping Sergeant Belcore, who all but kicks sand in Nemorino's face as he sweeps Adina off her feet. What's a boy to do? Enter Dr. Dulcamara, a "snake oil" salesman par excellence. From his roadside stand the good Doctor hawks a variety of medicines, potions, and elixirs guaranteed to cure everything from impotence to the infirmities of old age. Nemorino timidly approaches and asks if there is anything for "affairs of the heart," to which Dr. Dulcamara offers a bottle of cheap red wine disguised as the "Elixir of Love." The Sacramento Opera production presents Katrina Thurman as Adina, Dinyar Vania as Nemorino, Igor Vieria as Dr. Dulcamara, David Small as Belcore, and Carrie Hennessey as Gianetta. José Maria Condemí is the stage director. All shows feature Sacramento Opera Artistic Director and Conductor, Timm Rolek, the Sacramento Opera Chorus, and the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra.

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