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### **SACRAMENTO OPERA PRESENTS "CELEBRATE OUR CHORUS" EVENT FOR DONORS**

(Sacramento, CA 1/20/10) **Sacramento Opera presents "Celebrate Our Chorus," a special event for Sacramento Opera donors at the \$250 and up level on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 7 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1500 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento.** Chorus Master Ming Luke will speak about the Sacramento Opera's upcoming production of *La Traviata*, the play and book upon which the opera was based, and the role of the chorus in the production. Donors will sit in on a live chorus rehearsal with Mr. Luke providing explanations of the rehearsal process. Program is approximately one hour. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Melissa Cirone at [mcirone@sacopera.org](mailto:mcirone@sacopera.org) or 916.737.1000. Note: this event is only open to Sacramento Opera donors at the \$250 donation level and up.

**Ming Luke** is the Chorus Master for the Sacramento Opera, Director and Conductor for the Berkeley Symphony's education programs, Music Director of the Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra, Associate Conductor of the Modesto Symphony, and the General Director of the Napa Valley Youth Symphony. Prior to his appointments in Northern California, he was a staff conductor for the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh and helped prepare the choir for such conductors as Charles Dutoit, André Previn, Mariss Jansons, Michael Stern, and Lucas Richman. Recognized nationally for his work in music education, Luke has been involved with numerous youth ensembles during his career. Ming Luke holds a Master of Fine Arts in Conducting from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Piano Pedagogy from Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

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