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*Don Giovanni*  
**January 26, 27, 28, 29**  
**Pollack Hall**

For immediate release

**Montreal, January 20, 2011** – **Opera McGill** presents Mozart's *Don Giovanni* at 7:30 p.m. Pollack Hall on Thursday, January 26, Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28. There is a matinee performance on Sunday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. The Prague version will be presented with no cuts. Tickets are \$30 general admission, and \$25 for students and seniors, and are available at the Schulich School of Music Box Office. The production will be subtitled in both English and French.

Conducting the **McGill Symphony Orchestra** is **Gordon Gerrard**, a guest coach and conductor for Opera McGill's 2011/2012 season. He was the resident conductor for the Calgary Opera and is on the staff of Opera Nuova and the Opera as Theatre Program at the Banff centre. **Patrick Hansen**, Director of Opera Studies at the Schulich School of Music is the stage director. Costumes are signed Ginette Grenier, lighting by Serge Filiatrault, and sets by Vincent Lefèvre.

The production is double cast – the one appearing on January 26 and 28 features **Gordon Bintner**, recent Grand Prize winner of the Standard Life OSM Competition as Don Giovanni, Donna Anna of the same cast is portrayed by **Tracy Cantin**, who will be making her professional debut in *Electra* this fall with the Lyric Opera Chicago. Leporello is played by **Geoffrey Penar**, who is making his Green Mountain Opera debut this summer in *La Bohème*, and Masetto is portrayed by *David Tinervia*, who will be a Tanglewood fellow this summer. The second cast will appear on January 27 and 29.

One of the world's most frequently performed operas, Mozart's *Don Giovanni* tells the tale of an infamous womanizer who is offered one last chance to repent for his insatiable lust.

Pollack Hall is located at 555 Sherbrooke Street West.

Tickets can be purchased at the Pollack Hall Box Office, weekdays from noon to 6 p.m. or one hour prior to each concert. For box office information, please phone 514-398-4547. The Box office, located in the Pollack Hall lobby, is open from 12 noon to 6 pm Monday to Friday, and one hour before each performance. Tickets are also available by phone at 514.398.4547

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