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Opera Columbus Offers \$10 Tickets

[Columbus, OH]- Opera Columbus is offering \$10 rear balcony general admission tickets to its upcoming production of *Turandot* on Friday, February 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. at the Ohio Theatre.

"The economy is affecting us all," said Executive Director Press Southworth. "During these tough times we want to continue to make sure the opera is accessible to all."

The \$10 rear balcony general admission tickets are available by calling 614-469-0939 or visiting TicketMaster.com. Tickets are also available at the door; however, the \$10 tickets will stop being sold one hour before each show. The box office opens two hours before each performance.

Reserved seating with ticket prices ranging from \$27.50 - \$102.50 is also available at the above locations.

A few missed riddles lead to missing heads in Puccini's final opera, *Turandot*. The beautiful maiden Turandot outwits suitors by offering three riddles to win her hand. Seem simple enough? Maybe if death weren't the punishment for an incorrect reply. To Turandot's dismay, a foreign prince (Calaf) correctly answers her intricate riddles and wins her hand in marriage. Wishing death above marrying a stranger, the foreign prince (Calaf) offers her a chance to avoid marriage by simply guessing his name. All of Peking is turned upside down as the Princess seeks the name of her suitor. She is foiled at every angle and in the end, she finds that love is the answer.

Sung in Italian with English Supertitles, *Turandot* will be performed at the Ohio Theatre on Friday, February 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. WOSU's Christopher Purdy will be giving pre-curtain talks starting an hour before the show. Tickets are available by calling 614.469.0939 or visiting TicketMaster.com.

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