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TO COINCIDE WITH GEVA'S PRODUCTION OF AMADEUS
MERCURY OPERA PRESENTS
RARELY- PERFORMED SALIERI OPERA

Kleine Harlekinade precedes selected performances of *Amadeus*

Rochester, N.Y., August 25, 2010– Geva Theatre Center's 2010/11 Season gets off to a dramatic start with *Amadeus* by Peter Shaffer, which has its first performance on September 7 and runs in the Mainstage through October 3.

To coincide with this stellar production, **Mercury Opera Rochester** presents a rarely-performed opera, ***Kleine Harlekinade***, by **Antonio Salieri**. This twelve-minute comedy is a fine example of the talent and skill of Antonio Salieri, one of the best composers of his generation. This production marks Mercury Opera Rochester's first collaboration with Geva Theatre Center.

A farce about a woman in love with two men and unable to decide which to chose, she proposes the solution in a game of chance. Of course, she ends up with neither of them. *Kleine Harlekinade* will be performed in the Mainstage at Geva Theatre Center prior to selected performances of *Amadeus*. Piano accompaniment will be provided by **Lyndon Meyer**. The cast includes **Trevor Strader** as Harlekin, **Jordan Wilson** as Brighella, and **Danielle Falco Frink** as Kolombine. Direction will be provided by **Lindsay Chassé**. Admission to the performance of *Kleine Harlekinade* is included with the ticket price for *Amadeus*.

**For further information, photographs or to arrange interviews, please contact:
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AMADEUS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

(Performances preceded by Mercury Opera Rochester's *Kleine Harlekinade* are bolded)

Previews: September 7, 8, 9 @ 7:30pm
September 10 @ 8pm (*Kleine Harlekinade* @ 7:30pm)
September 11 @ 2pm

Opening: Saturday, September 11 @ 8pm

Performances: Sunday, September 12 @ 2pm and 7pm

Tuesday, September 14 @ 6pm (*Kleine Harlekinade @ 5:30pm*)
Wednesday, September 15 @ 7:30pm
Thursday, September 16 @ 7:30pm
Friday, September 17 @ 8pm (*Kleine Harlekinade @ 7:30pm*)
Saturday, September 18 @ 4pm and 8:30pm
Sunday, September 19 @ 2pm and 7pm
Tuesday, September 21 @ 7:30pm (*Kleine Harlekinade @ 7:00pm*)
Wednesday, September 22 @ 2pm
Wednesday, September 22 @ 7:30pm
Thursday, September 23 @ 7:30pm
Friday, September 24 @ 8pm (*Kleine Harlekinade @ 7:30pm*)
Saturday, September 25 @ 4pm and 8:30pm
Sunday, September 26 @ 2pm (Audio-described) and 7pm
Tuesday, September 28 @ 7:30pm (*Kleine Harlekinade @ 7:00pm*)
Wednesday, September 29 @ 7:30pm
Thursday, September 30 @ 7:30pm (Sign Interpreted)
Friday, October 1 @ 8pm (*Kleine Harlekinade @ 7:30pm*)
Saturday, October 2 @ 4pm and 8:30pm
Sunday, October 3 @ 2pm (Sunday Salon) and 7pm (closing performance)

TICKET PRICES: \$22 - \$59.

RESERVATIONS: (585) 232 GEVA (4382), Website: www.gevatheatre.org

LOCATION: Geva Theatre Center, 75 Woodbury Blvd, Rochester, NY 14607

GEVA THEATRE CENTER

Geva Theatre Center is Rochester's leading professional theatre and the most attended regional theatre in New York State. Founded in 1972, Geva attracts over 170,000 patrons annually, including more than 16,000 students. The 552-seat Elaine P. Wilson Mainstage offers a wide variety of shows, from musicals to American and world classics.

The 180-seat Ron & Donna Fielding Nextstage is home to Geva's own series of cutting-edge drama, comedy and musical theatre; Geva Comedy Improv; *What's Next*: Geva's New Play Reading Series and the Hornets' Nest - an innovative play-reading series facilitating community-wide discussion on controversial topics. The Nextstage also hosts visiting companies of both local and international renown.

Geva Theatre Center offers a wide variety of educational, outreach and literary programs, nurturing audiences and artists alike. Since 1995 the organization has been led by Artistic Director Mark Cuddy.

MERCURY OPERA ROCHESTER

Mercury Opera Rochester is Western New York's only professional opera company. Incorporated in 2004 and now in its sixth season, the company has earned enthusiastic support from the community.

The Mission of Mercury Opera Rochester is to produce a diverse repertoire of professional operas for a growing, appreciative audience. The organization observes the core principles of meeting high standards of artistic quality, providing performance opportunities for outstanding local singers to compliment internationally recognized artists, educating present and future audiences to enjoy and appreciate opera and collaboration with community organizations. For further information you may contact Mercury Opera Rochester at (585) 473-6567. Sign up for their e-mail newsletters at: www.mercuryoperarochester.org/maillinglist.htm

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