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***LA Opera to Hold First Ever  
Costume Shop Sale!  
Over 2500 Costume Pieces go on the block  
in advance of Halloween  
Saturday, October 10 from 10:00AM to 6:00PM***

**What:**

It is inevitable that Halloween parties this year will be overflowing with multiple incarnations of Octomom, Jon and Kate, Sexy Red Riding Hood and Batman. But for trick-or-treating connoisseurs or Renaissance Faire revelers looking for something unique or glamorous, LA Opera is opening its overstuffed Costume Shop for its first ever costume sale, just in time for Halloween. The Costume Studio's storage racks are bursting at the seams, and the company is selling more than 2500 costume pieces to create more room for its ever-growing production repertoire. Pieces for sale will include everything ranging from complete "merry peasant" and "medieval courtier" costumes to individual pieces such as capes, hats, shoes and fans. Highlights of the collection will include a number of "diva dresses," stunning hand-crafted gowns worn by LA Opera's leading ladies including Carol Vaness (*La Traviata*, *Don Giovanni*, *The Merry Widow* and *La Rondine*), Jennifer Larmore (*L'Italiana in Algeri*), Maria Ewing (*Fedora*), Verónica Villarroel (*Idomeneo*) and Karita Mattila (*Jenufa*), as well as costumes worn by superstar tenor Plácido Domingo (*Un Ballo in Maschera* and *Idomeneo*).

**Who:**

LA Opera is the fourth largest opera company in the United States. The Company's Costume Shop is staffed by dozens of highly skilled employees, including master tailors, cutter/drapers, seamsters and craftspersons, who create hundreds of costumes by hand every year for principal artists, choristers, dancers and supernumeraries appearing in LA Opera productions at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Sturdily constructed to last and often highly detailed, the costumes are built to fit singers of every size, from robust Wagnerians to petite Mozartians.

**When:**

**Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 10am to 6pm**

**Where:**

**Parking lot of LA Opera's Costume Shop parking lot, 330 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Parking is available on the street, and there is secured pay parking in the Little Tokyo Galleria parking structure at 333 S. Alameda Street, directly across the street from the Costume Shop.**

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