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Internationally Acclaimed Erwin Schrott Returns to LA Opera as *Don Giovanni*

What: Plácido Domingo, the Eli and Edythe Broad General Director of LA Opera, announces the return of **Erwin Schrott** to the LA Opera stage in a thrillingly theatrical production of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's great comic drama, *Don Giovanni*, this November and December. Running in repertoire with Puccini's *La Bohème*, *Don Giovanni* stars the sexy and sensual Uruguayan bass Erwin Schrott as opera's greatest Latin lover. Although the Don's conquests number a total of 2,065 women, the dashing young seducer continually attempts to add to that list. Pursued by furious ex-lovers and vengeful men, Don Giovanni remains defiant even in the face of eternal damnation. **Hartmut Haenchen** conducts and **Mariusz Treliński** directs this production, which garnered rave reviews in its 2003 debut.

Who: **Erwin Schrott**,[‡] "who gives what is probably the most completely realized performance of the title role you are ever likely to see" (London's *The Guardian*) reprises his signature role of Don Giovanni. The production also features **Kyle Ketelsen*** as Leporello, **Alexandra Deshorties*** as Donna Anna, **Charles Castronovo** as Don Ottavio, **Maria Kanyova** as Donna Elvira, **Lauren McNeese** as Zerlina, **James Creswell** as Masetto and **Kangliang Peng*** as Donna Anna's father, the Commendatore. The production is choreographed by **Emil Wesolowski**, and the set design, costume design and lighting design are by **Boris F. Kudlicka**, **Arkadius** and **Brian Gale**, respectively.

* LA Opera debut ‡ Operalia winner

When: **Opening Night: Saturday, November 24, 7:30pm**
Evening Performances: November 27, 30, December 4, 7 at 7:30pm;
December 9 at 8pm
Matinee Performances: December 2, 15 at 2pm; Wednesday, December 12 at 1pm (*This the first performance of the new weekday matinee series*)

Where: **Dorothy Chandler Pavilion**, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Admission: Tickets to *Don Giovanni* range from \$20 to \$238, and are on sale at the LA Opera Box Office, by phone at (213) 972-8001 or online at www.laopera.com. For disability access, call (213) 972-0777 or e-mail wehelpyou@laopera.com.

Artist headshots can be found on the LA Opera Press Gallery:
<http://www.laopera.com/press/2007-08/dongiovanni/index.htm>

Synopsis can be found on the LA Opera website:
<http://www.laopera.com/productions/0708/dongiovanni/synopsis.htm>

Don Giovanni will be sung in Italian with English supertitles projected above the stage.

This is an LA Opera original production

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