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Il Trovatore by Giuseppe Verdi
February 4, 2012 - 7 p.m.
Concert Hall

Kick off Super Bowl weekend with the "Super Bowl" of Opera, ***Il Trovatore***, on February 4th! Enrico Caruso once famously remarked that "all you need for a successful *Trovatore* is the four greatest singers in the world." And the Wichita Grand Opera doesn't fail to present an exceptional array of singers. **Sung in Italian with English projected above the stage**, this world-class cast is led by London's Royal Opera tenor **Julian Gavin** as Manrico and Metropolitan Opera soprano **Zvetelina Vassileva** as Leonora. Conducting the

performance is **Maestro Steven Mercurio**, returning to Wichita after leading the WGO in Bizet's *Carmen* in 2010, and last season's *10th Anniversary Gala Concert*, has appeared on live television and on tour with Andrea Bocelli, the Three Tenors, and Sting with the Royal Philharmonic.

For more information about the WGO's production of ***Il Trovatore***, click [here](#).



The Bat (Die Fledermaus) by Johann Strauss, Jr.
March 17, 2012 - 7 p.m.
Concert Hall

What better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this March 17th than with the cheeky shenanigans of Strauss's wildly popular operetta, ***Die Fledermaus*** (or, "*The Bat*")? The Waltz King's masterpiece follows the womanizing Gabriel von Eisenstein as he falls victim to an elaborate practical joke by his close friend Dr. Falke. Frankfurt Opera's **James McNamara**. The cast of 100 is led by favorites of opera and Broadway, **Michael Hayes** and **Michael Nansel** as the combine as a powerhouse comedic duo for this performance sung in

English.

For more information about the WGO's production of ***Die Fledermaus***, click [here](#).

Don Pasquale by Gaetano Donizetti

April 21, 2012 - 7 p.m.

April 22, 2012 - 3 p.m.

Mary Jane Teall Theater



On April 21st and 22nd, WGO steps "outside the box" with an updated performance of Donizetti's lighthearted **Don Pasquale**. Acclaimed director/ performer **John Stephens** returns to direct and star in the title role. Performed in English, *Don Pasquale* features Wichita favorite **Michael Nansel** as Dr. Malatesta, and the debuts of two stellar WGO discoveries: **Megan Barrera** as the saucy Norina and **Casey Candebat** as her fiancée Ernesto.

For more information about the WGO's production of **Don Pasquale**, click [here](#).

Giselle by Adolphe Adam - presented by the Moscow Festival Ballet

May 2, 2012 - 7 p.m.

Concert Hall



Direct from Russia, the **Moscow Festival Ballet** returns to Wichita on May 2nd with their 50-member troupe and renowned Artistic Director **Sergei Radchenko** to perform the immortal **Giselle**. Often referred to as "the most perfect Romantic ballet," gorgeous music and an engaging story make *Giselle* a perennial favorite. Russian phenomenon **Maria Sokolnikova** dances the title role.

For more information about the WGO's production of **Giselle**, click [here](#).