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**MANITOBA OPERA CELEBRATES 50<sup>th</sup> SEASON ANNIVERSARY  
WITH CONCERT & A TRIBUTE TO  
COMPANY'S FIRST PERFORMANCE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Manitoba Opera is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Season anniversary with a special concert Saturday, February 25, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Centennial Concert Hall. The concert will pay tribute to the company's first performance in 1972, a concert performance of Verdi's *Il trovatore*, with excerpts from this powerful melodrama. It will also feature a selection of other well-known opera favourites including works from *Turandot*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *Roméo et Juliette*.

The talented roster of internationally acclaimed artists who will be joining the **Manitoba Opera Chorus** and **Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra** conducted by **Tyrone Paterson**, includes sopranos **Andriana Chuchman**, **Lara Ciekiewicz**, and **Hiromi Omura**; mezzo-soprano **Nadia Krasteva**; tenor **David Pomeroy**; and baritone **Gregory Dahl**.

Tickets, starting at just \$24 (\$14 for youth 17 and under), are on sale now at [mbopera.ca](http://mbopera.ca) or by calling 204-944-8824.

The evening will also include the unveiling of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honour Roll. This initiative recognizes dozens of people and organizations whose involvement over the past five decades has been instrumental to the company's success. The Manitoba Opera Chorus Hall of Fame will also be launched at the concert and will recognize the first inductees: 10 choristers who have performed in 50 or more productions. Chorus master **Tadeusz Biernacki** will also be acknowledged as he celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> season with the company.