

# ***Don Giovanni* Live Simulcast in Millennium Park**

**Date:** 5/9/2008

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Park Location:** Jay Pritzker Pavilion

Chicago Opera Theater (COT), the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, Millennium Park, and Millennium Park Inc. will present the first outdoor, large screen, live simulcast presentation of an opera in the city's history.

Chicago Opera Theater specializes in fresh interpretations of classic operas in order to make the story as universal and relatable as the day it was first performed hundreds of years ago. *Don Giovanni* is no exception, taking place in a modern day, decadent nightclub where the themes and characters are easily familiar to a contemporary audience.

*Don Giovanni* marks the completion of Mozart/da Ponte operas from the team of Jane Glover and Diane Paulus after their acclaimed COT productions of *Così fan tutte* (2002) and *Le nozze di Figaro* (2005). Creating this exclusive and fashionable world of *Don Giovanni* is set designer Riccardo Hernandez, costume designer David Woolard, and lighting designer Aaron Black.

Making his American debut as *Don Giovanni* is Iain Paterson, one of Europe's leading young bass-baritones. The cast also includes Matt Boehler (*Leporello*), Michael Colvin (*Don Ottavio*), Rhoslyn Jones (*Donna Anna*), Andrew Funk (*Commendatore*), Isabel Leonard (*Zerlina*), Krisztina Szabó (*Donna Elvira*), and Ben Wager (*Masetto*).

Utilizing the backstage space shared by the Harris Theater and Pritzker Pavilion, the *Don Giovanni* cast will grace the Pritzker Pavilion stage immediately after the show to take their bows in front of the thousands in Millennium Park.