



**FROM: Susan Mathieson Mayer**  
**Magda Krance (mkrance@lyricopera.org)**  
**Jack Zimmerman (jzimmerman@lyricopera.org)**  
**LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO**  
**20 North Wacker Drive**  
**Chicago, IL 60606**  
**312-332-2244**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
**Thurs., April 3, 2008**

**Lyric Opera of Chicago dramaturg Roger Pines  
to be heard on the Metropolitan Opera broadcast's  
"Opera Quiz"  
this Saturday afternoon, April 5,  
airing in the Chicago area on 98.7WFMT-FM**

Roger Pines, dramaturg of Lyric Opera of Chicago, will make his third appearance as a panelist on the Metropolitan Opera broadcast's celebrated Opera Quiz on Saturday, April 5. The Quiz will be heard beginning at approximately 1:44 p.m. CDT during the first intermission of Puccini's *La bohème*. The Metropolitan Opera broadcast on 98.7WFMT begins at 12:30 p.m.

The guest quizmaster will be renowned bass-baritone Justino Diaz, who sang Antony opposite Leontyne Price's Cleopatra for Barber's *Antony and Cleopatra* world premiere to open the new Metropolitan Opera House in 1966.

The other panelists will be Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center, Philadelphia; and Susan Ashbaker, well-known vocal coach and former artistic administrator of Opera Company of Philadelphia.

A Lyric Opera staff member since 1995, Pines edits the company's program, co-edits the *Lyric Opera News* magazine, and undertakes a wide variety of publication, translation, speaking, and research activities. During Lyric's just-concluded 53<sup>rd</sup> season he presented pre-performance lectures in the Ardis Krainik Theatre prior to each performance of Handel's *Giulio Cesare*. Pines also writes for music publications internationally and has served as a judge for the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions for more than 15 years. He has authored the liner notes for recent recordings by Renée Fleming, Nicole Cabell, Danielle de Niese, Jonas Kaufmann, Susanne Mentzer, and many other artists. Pines debuted on the Metropolitan Opera broadcast's Opera Quiz in February 2006 and returned in March 2007.

The April 5 broadcast stars Angela Gheorghiu/Mimì and Ramón Vargas/Rodolfo; the cast also includes former Ryan Opera Center baritone Quinn Kelsey as Schaunard.

###