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**Lyric Opera of Chicago 2008/09 season preview
to air live on 98.7WFMT Saturday, May 3, 9 – 11 a.m.**

**William Mason/general director, Sir Andrew Davis/music director,
and Roger Pines/dramaturg discuss upcoming season and musical highlights
with WFMT host Carolyn Paulin**

**The Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera Broadcasts of the 2007/08 season will be
rebroadcast internationally by The WFMT Radio Network May 10 - June 28**

Lyric Opera of Chicago's general director **William Mason**, music director **Sir Andrew Davis**, and dramaturg **Roger Pines** will join WFMT program host **Carolyn Paulin** on **Saturday, May 3**, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. for musical excerpts and a lively conversation about the world-renowned opera company's eagerly anticipated 54th season.

The live broadcast will begin with music from and discussion of Massenet's exquisitely romantic *Manon*, which opens Lyric's season Sept. 27. Next up will be the great American opera, Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, which will have its Lyric premiere. Attention will then turn to the lush and exotic music of Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*. Alban Berg's 20th-century shocker, *Lulu*, will be the subject of the next segment, followed by discussion of Puccini's beloved *Madama Butterfly*. Wagner's great love epic, *Tristan und Isolde*, and Mozart's tale of romantic rescue, *The Abduction from the Seraglio*, will make for an interesting contrast of German-language operas. Closing the program will be the *verismo* double bill of Mascagni's *Cavalleria rusticana* and Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci*.

Opera fans who haven't already done so will be encouraged to subscribe to Lyric's 54th season by calling 312-332-2244, or going to www.lyricopera.org.

Beginning on Sat., May 10, and continuing every Saturday through June 28, **The Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera Broadcasts** of the 2007/08 season will be rebroadcast internationally by The WFMT Radio Network and heard locally on 98.7WFMT. The broadcast order is as follows:

<i>La traviata</i> /Verdi	May 10
<i>Doctor Atomic</i> /Adams	May 17
<i>The Barber of Seville</i> /Rossini	May 24
<i>Eugene Onegin</i> /Tchaikovsky	May 31
<i>Giulio Cesare</i> /Handel	June 7
<i>La bohème</i> /Puccini	June 14
<i>Die Frau ohne Schatten</i> /R. Strauss	June 21
<i>Falstaff</i> /Verdi	June 28

Chicago-area broadcasts on 98.7WFMT begin at 12:30 p.m. except for the May 17 broadcast, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Check local listings for exact times and dates outside the Chicago area. The broadcasts can also be heard anywhere in the world on www.wfmt.com

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