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Lyric Opera of Chicago to hold dance auditions for *Manon* on Monday, June 23, 2008, at the Civic Opera House

Lyric Opera of Chicago is auditioning **highly trained dancers** with strong acting ability for its upcoming production of the opera *Manon* by Jules Massenet. This production stars French soprano Natalie Dessay in the title role. It will be directed by David McVicar with Ben Ash, revival choreographer, and August Tye, ballet mistress.

Rehearsals begin August 25, with 11 performances from September 27 through October 31, 2008.

Manon requires 12 *corps de ballet* (6 f/6 m) dancers for this production. Applicants should have a strong movement background (classical/contemporary training) with some acting experience.

Auditions will be held at the Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive.

Monday, June 23 (tentative schedule):	9:00am	Registration (everyone)
	10:00am	Class (everyone)
	11:00am – 6:00pm	Audition

Please wear comfortable footwear (e.g. ballet shoes or socks) for class, and bring low-heeled shoes (if you have them) for possible use in audition. Some of the audition may require working barefoot.

All applicants must use the stage-door entrance at Washington and Wacker. All applicants must check in and register for the audition before the audition class. A résumé and headshot are required to register.

You must make an appointment to audition. **Walk-ins will not be seen.** Please call Stephanie Karr at (312) 827-3567 to schedule an audition.

Please be prepared to show a government-issued photo identification card to gain access to the Civic Opera House. All applicants must have valid eligibility to work in the United States. Lyric Opera will not apply for working permits for foreign dancers.

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