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**The Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera Broadcasts
resume this Saturday, September 27, starting at 5:45 p.m. with
MANON by Jules Massenet,
starring Natalie Dessay and Jonas Kaufmann!**

**All nine* operas of the Lyric Opera of Chicago 2008-09 season
can be heard live locally on 98.7WFMT
and nationally/internationally through www.wfmt.com**

***Holly and Ivy* Subscriber Appreciation Concert by Lyric Opera Chorus,
Donald Nally, Conductor • Sir Andrew Davis, Organist • Craig Terry, Pianist
to be broadcast live on Sunday, December 14, starting at 2:45 p.m.**

**2008-09 Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera Broadcasts began Sept. 6
with live broadcast of “Stars of Lyric Opera at Millennium Park” free concert**

**Lyric’s 2008-09 season operas to be rebroadcast locally, nationally & internationally
in May-June 2009 by The WFMT Radio Network**

Starting with the season-opener, Jules Massenet’s *Manon*, on Saturday, September 27, beginning at 5:45 p.m., all nine operas of Lyric Opera of Chicago’s 54th season will be carried live locally on radio 98.7WFMT via The Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera Broadcasts, and nationally/ internationally through WFMT’s enhanced live streaming service at www.wfmt.com.

Additionally, Lyric’s Subscriber Appreciation Concert by the Lyric Opera Chorus, *Holly and Ivy*, will be broadcast live on Sunday, December 14, beginning at 2:45 p.m. Donald Nally, Lyric’s chorus master, conducts, with Lyric’s music director, Sir Andrew Davis, organist and Craig Terry, pianist, as accompanists. Sir Andrew will also perform solo organ works.

Seven of the nine* operas in Lyric's 2008-09 season are being broadcast live on their opening nights. The double-bill production of *Cavalleria rusticana & Pagliacci* will be broadcast on its sixth performance date. **Norman Pellegrini** and **Lisa Flynn** host the broadcasts, which start with live commentary and taped interviews at the times shown below.

*includes a double-bill

<i>Manon</i> /Massenet	Sat., Sept. 27	5:45 p.m.
<i>The Pearl Fishers</i> /Bizet	Mon., Oct. 6	7:15 p.m.
<i>Lulu</i> /Berg	Fri., Nov. 7	6:30 p.m.
<i>Porgy and Bess</i> /Gershwin	Tue., Nov. 18	7:15 p.m.
<i>Madama Butterfly</i> /Puccini	Sat., Dec. 13	7:15 p.m.
<i>Holly and Ivy</i> Choral Concert	Sun., Dec. 14	2:45 p.m.
<i>Tristan und Isolde</i> /Wagner	Tue., Jan. 27	5:45 p.m.
<i>The Abduction from the Seraglio</i> /Mozart	Mon., Mar. 2	7:15 p.m.
<i>Cavalleria rusticana & Pagliacci</i> Mascagni & Leoncavallo	Sat., Mar. 14	7:15 p.m.

Lyric's full 2008-09 season will be rebroadcast on eight consecutive Saturdays in May and June of 2009.

The Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera Broadcasts are made possible by **The Matthew and John Bucksbaum Families and General Growth Properties**, with matching funds provided by **The Crown Family, Richard P. and Susan Kiphart**, and **The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**.

The Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera Broadcasts are produced by Lois Baum. WFMT's program director, Peter Whorf, is managing producer, and WFMT's general manager, Steve Robinson, is executive producer.

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