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**“Stars of Lyric Opera at Millennium Park” free concert
and all eight operas of the Lyric Opera of Chicago 2008-09 season
can be heard live locally on 98.7WFMT
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The Bucksbaum Family Lyric Opera Broadcasts**

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

The preseason concert and all eight 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.

The company's annual gift to the city, the **Stars of Lyric Opera at Millennium Park concert**, will be broadcast live on **Saturday, September 6**. The broadcast begins at 7:15 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

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

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| <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>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 | Fri., Mar. 20 | 7:15 p.m. |

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

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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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