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MADAMA BUTTERFLY TICKETS FLYING AWAY

Manitoba Opera today announced that tickets for the upcoming production of *Madama Butterfly* which opens this **Saturday, April 25** with two more performances **Tuesday, April 28** and **Friday, May 1** are flying out the door.

Opening Night is virtually sold out with just 71 tickets remaining in the 2158-seat Centennial Concert Hall. The other two performances are already at 75% of capacity, with just under 600 tickets left for Tuesday and 459 tickets for Friday.

“*Madama Butterfly* is the fastest selling Manitoba Opera production since *Carmen* in 2002,” commented Larry Desrochers, General Director and CEO. “*Butterfly* is brimming with gorgeous music by Puccini and we have a terrific cast for the production. I hope everyone who wants to see it, gets a chance to do so.”

Ticket sales for *Madama Butterfly* have already met the total sales for the very popular *La Traviata* which closed the 2007/08 season. Sales are also likely to surpass those of the 2005/06 production of *The Marriage of Figaro* which had an 85% paid attendance (including the highest number of subscribers in 13 seasons).

Tickets for *Madama Butterfly* are available at ticketmaster.ca; (204)253-ARTS (2787); and at any Ticketmaster outlet. Ticket prices: \$30 to \$114 (adults); \$30 to \$104 (students/seniors); children 12 and under – 50% off the adult casual price. *Prices include GST, the MCCCH \$1.00 surcharge, and the Ticketmaster \$3.50 service charge.*

Manitoba Opera’s 2009/10 season will feature *The Barber of Seville* and *Carmen*. For a brochure or more information, call 957-7842.

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