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**Opera Atelier presents Handel's *Acis and Galatea* to launch
the 25th Anniversary Season**

DATES: October 30, November 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7*, 2010.
TIMES: 7:30 P.M. (*with exception of Sunday matinee at 3 P.M.)
TICKET PRICES: \$33 to \$146
Operatix are \$20 and may be purchased by people under age of 30 in person at the Elgin Theatre Box Office (subject to availability) or purchased on line with the code OPERATIX. Valid I.D. is required to pick up Operatix tickets.
Group discounts (15 people +) are available by calling 416.703.3767 ext. 22.

VENUE: The Elgin Theatre (189 Yonge Street, Toronto)
BOX OFFICE: Ticketmaster at **416.872.5555** or at www.ticketmaster.ca
WEB PAGE: www.operaatelier.com

The 25th Anniversary Season opens with OA's first fully-staged production of Handel's pastoral *Acis and Galatea*. Based on Ovid's tale of the water nymph Galatea and her doomed love for the Arcadian shepherd Acis, it is one of Handel's most popular creations. Tenor **Thomas Macleay**, who thrilled Toronto audiences with his performance in last season's *Iphigénie en Tauride*, will sing the title role of Acis partnered with Canadian soprano **Mireille Asselin**, in her company debut as Galatea. They are joined by bass **João Fernandes** who appears as the giant Polyphemus and tenor **Lawrence Wiliford** as the spirit Damon. *Acis* will also feature **Artists of Atelier Ballet**, and **Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir** under the baton of **David Fallis**.

This production is directed by **Marshall Pynkoski** and choreographed by **Jeannette Lajeunesse Zingg**, OA's co-artistic directors. Both sets and costumes will be designed by **Gerard Gauci** – a first for OA! The production will be lit by **Kevin Fraser**. *Acis and Galatea* will be sung in English with English SURTITLES™.

Subscriptions for Opera Atelier's 2010/11 season start at \$55 and are on sale now by calling **416-703-3767 ext. 22**. Single tickets for *Acis and Galatea* go on sale August 16, 2010. For more information visit www.operaatelier.com.

This production and the Silver Anniversary Opening Night are generously sponsored by BMO Financial Group.

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Opera Atelier is Canada's premier baroque theatre company, producing opera, ballet and drama from the 17th and 18th centuries. While drawing upon the aesthetics and ideals of the period, Opera Atelier goes beyond "reconstruction" and infuses each production with an inventive theatricality that resonates with modern audiences. Over the past twenty-five years, lead by founding director Marshall Pynkoski and founding choreographer Jeannette Lajeunesse Zingg, Opera Atelier has garnered acclaim for its performances at home as well as in the United States, Europe and Asia.