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“LET THEM EAT CAKE” Opera Atelier’s gala raises \$95,000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Toronto, ON (April 16, 2010) ... The Opera Atelier 2010 Versailles Gala was a resounding success, exceeding its net goal by 46% and raising \$95,000 to support the company’s education and outreach programs.

Themed “Let them eat cake”, the Marie-Antoinette-inspired event at The Carlu was hosted in style by **Jeanne Beker** of Fashion Television with a sumptuous menu designed by Executive Chef **Corbin Tomaszeski**, of the Food Network and Holt Renfrew and edible centrepieces by Nadège. Two hundred guests attended the April 6th event.

The most elegant gala in Opera Atelier’s history featured performances by the cast of Opera Atelier’s production of Mozart’s *The Marriage of Figaro* and students from the School of Atelier Ballet, plus a live and silent auction with one-of-a-kind experiences including a trip for two to the Tour de France, provided by Cervélo TestTeam. Event sponsors included BMO Financial Group (lead sponsor) and Freedman & Associates Inc., HELLO! Canada, Mindham Fine Jewellery, and Pulp&Fiber.

Opera Atelier 2010 Versailles Gala Committee included Berfin Baksi, *President, Studio Beba Inc.*, Salim Hasham, *Vice President, Advisory Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*, Teresa Lam, *Senior Project Manager, UHN*, Ambur Braid, *Soprano, Philip Princeton, Location Scout, Film Industry*, Christine Hou, *Analyst, Equity Trading Risk, TD Securities*, and Kyle Rostad, *Project Coordinator, Graham Group*.

Opera Atelier is currently in rehearsals for its new production of Mozart’s popular comedy *The Marriage of Figaro* which runs **April 24 to May 1** at Toronto’s Elgin Theatre (189 Yonge Street). For tickets call TicketMaster at **416-872-5555** or go on-line at www.ticketmaster.ca or at the Elgin Theatre box office.

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