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THE BOSTON CONSERVATORY OPERA PROGRAM PRESENTS
I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI APRIL 1—3, 2010

(BOSTON) The Boston Conservatory Opera Program presents *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* (*The Capulets and the Montagues*) by Vincenzo Bellini, April 1 - 3 at 8 p.m. with a matinee April 3 at 2 p.m. Performances take place at Midway Studios, 15 Channel Center St., in Boston's Fort Point Channel neighborhood. (NOTE: Due to renovations at the Conservatory's theater building at 31 Hemenway Street, The Boston Conservatory's ticketed mainstage performances will take place at Midway Studios during this season.) **Press night is April 1.** Kirsten Z. Cairns directs. Conducted by Beatrice Affron. Sung in Italian with English surtitles. Tickets are \$22 general admission, \$12 for seniors and \$7 for all students with valid ID. Box Office: 617-912-9222 or <http://bostonconservatory.ticketforce.com/>

Bellini's infrequently-performed bel canto opera *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* is a reworking of the Romeo and Juliet story, based on the same Italian Renaissance stories on which Shakespeare based his play. It premiered in Venice in 1830, and employs a trouser role for Romeo, which serves to emphasize the youth of the star-crossed lovers. Librettist Felice Romani trimmed and simplified the story, eliminating some characters and creating a very different version of the well-known tale.

About The Boston Conservatory

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