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Feature Film Version of *La Bohème*, Starring Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazón, Comes to Lake Worth Playhouse

LAKE WORTH, Florida (September 15, 2009) – The *Lake Worth Playhouse International Opera & Ballet in Cinema Series* is pleased to present the feature film version of Giacomo Puccini's classic opera, ***La Bohème***, starring Russian soprano Anna Netrebko and Mexican tenor Rolando Villazón. The film will run twice at the Playhouse Stonzek Movie Theatre: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The September 26 showing will include a 12:30 pre-show introduction and discussion of the opera by Giuseppe Albanese.

La Bohème, the movie, which is currently being released by Emerging Pictures, was filmed in 2008 in Vienna and was directed by Oscar- and Emmy-nominated director Robert Dornhelm. London's *Independent* calls the film “an intimate staging of Puccini's tragic love story, which nevertheless retains the feel of a live performance and shows why Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazón are currently considered two of opera's biggest stars.”

To coincide with Emerging Pictures' screenings of this film, Deutsche Grammophon will issue an iTunes exclusive release called *La Bohème – Five Favorites*, which will feature must-have selections from the full-length version of Netrebko and Villazón's recording of the opera, and which will be available for \$3.99.

Additional details about the film can be found at www.labohemethemovie.com. For more information, to obtain a screener of *La Bohème*, or to arrange an interview with director Robert Dornhelm, please contact: Josh Green, Emerging Pictures: 212.245.6767 or josh@emergingpictures.com.

Tickets

Ticket prices for *La Bohème* at the Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Movie Theatre are \$18 for General Admission and \$16 for Film Society members. Tickets can be purchased through the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or online at **lakeworthplayhouse.org**.

About the Lake Worth Playhouse

Lake Worth Playhouse is a non-profit community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, Broadway favorites, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, live concerts, improv comedy and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

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