

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

On July 26th, the NCOS and the National Arts Centre co-hosted a reception after the closing performance of a moving concert production of Puccini's La Boheme. Many of you joined us at that reception--an evening when the members of the National Arts Centre Orchestra bade farewell to retiring Acting Director-General Bruce Corder. An announcement was made by Concertmaster Walter Prystawski that evening--an announcement that paid eloquent testimony to the efforts of Mr. Corder and his associates in the NAC Music Department, especially Music Producer, Joanne Morrow. STAGED OPERA PRODUCTION, PRODUCED BY THE NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, WILL RETURN TO THE OPERA STAGE NEXT JULY, JULY 1988. Later this fall, a press conference will announce the work to be performed and the cast. In the same festival, the two performances originally scheduled for this coming November, will be given by Toronto's OPERA ATELIER, presenting authentic baroque opera. Next July will truly be a revitalising feast for opera lovers, for you our members.

In the membership survey gathered two years ago, every respondent urged the return of the NAC opera festival as a top priority within our goals. Slowly, with a lot of work by many dedicated people, that goal is becoming a reality. And we must continue to work to make it a growing reality, one that is never again vulnerable to the pressures surrounding the Festival's suspension in 1983. Your NCOS Board of Directors is confident that each of you will eagerly support the 1988 festival, assuring that twenty-five other opera lovers join you. We are gradually achieving our goal--your commitment is vital, and I, as your President, am counting on each and every one of you.

The opening film of our 1987/88 season will be shown at the Towne Cinema on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. We are indeed fortunate to bring back that magnificent portrayal by Placido Domingo of Verdi's "Otello" produced by Franco Zeffereilli. From the stirring opening moments of a vicious storm as Otello's armies return home victorious through to the sombre tragedy of the beautiful Desdemona's death at the hands of a madly jealous husband, this is a film not to be missed. Tickets are priced at \$6.00 each and are available from members of your Board of Directors or at the door. For further information please phone 731-5418. Come and enjoy this evening and support your National Capital Opera Society in this fund-raising venture.

THERE ARE STILL SOME SPACES AVAILABLE FOR OUR OPERA TOURS TO MONTREAL. TO SIGN UP, SEE BELOW.

I am interested in attending:

- OTHELLO, Sept. 26th ()
- LA CENERENTOLA, Nov. 28th ()
- CARMEN, Feb. 20th ()
- DON GIOVANNI, Apr. 16th ()
- ALL FOUR OPERAS ()

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MEMBER OF NCOS YES NO

SIGNED: _____

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