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## **San Diego Opera *La bohème* Cast Change Announcement:**

### ***American soprano Ellie Dehn replaces Anja Harteros as Mimì in La bohème.***

San Diego, CA –San Diego Opera’s General Director and Artistic Director, Ian Campbell, announced today that German soprano Anja Harteros has withdrawn from her engagement as Mimì in San Diego Opera’s *La bohème* on private and personal reasons.

“Anja is a dear friend of this Company, and apologizes to our patrons for her inability to appear” Campbell said, “we wish her all the best and look forward to her return to us in 2011 for her role debut as the Marschallin in *Der Rosenkavalier*.”

The role of Mimì will now be sung by the exciting young American soprano Ellie Dehn. Still under 30 years of age, Ellie Dehn’s career is already taking her to La Scala, the Metropolitan Opera, the Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich, and the opera companies in Geneva, Bologna, Los Angeles and San Francisco, among others.

“When I first heard her in an audition more than two years ago it was apparent that Ellie was going to have an important career”, Campbell said. “I offered her an engagement immediately which she could not accept due to a clash of dates. I am so glad that she is able to join us now.”

Puccini’s *La bohème* opens January 30, 2010 for four performances and marks the Company debuts of tenor **Piotr Beczala** as Rodolfo, and **Ellie Dehn** as Mimì. “With Ellie and Piotr we are guaranteed an evening of incredible singing from an exciting young cast.” Campbell said.

#### **La bohème performance Schedule**

Saturday	January 30, 2010	7 PM
Tuesday	February 2, 2010	7 PM
Friday	February 5, 2010	8 PM
Sunday	February 7, 2010	2 PM

#### **Purchasing Tickets**

Three and four-opera subscriptions for the 2010 International Season are now available. Regular subscriptions range from \$90 - \$720 (some Saturday subscriptions slightly higher) and can be purchased by calling (619) 533-7000 or

online at [www.sdopera.com](http://www.sdopera.com). Senior citizen discount packages are available for full-season Tuesday night subscribers. Call (619) 533-7000 for more information.

For information about single ticket availability and prices please visit [www.sdopera.com](http://www.sdopera.com). or call (619) 533-7000 to speak to an opera representative.

**The 2010 International Season**

<i>La bohème</i>	Giacomo Puccini	January 30, February 2, 5 and 7 (mat), 2010
<i>Nabucco</i>	Giuseppe Verdi	February 20, 23, 26 and 28 (mat), 2010
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Charles Gounod	March 13, 16, 19 and 21 (mat), 2010
<i>La traviata</i>	Giuseppe Verdi	April 17, 20, 23 and 25 (mat), 2010

**General Information**

A widely respected member of the international opera community, *San Diego Opera* brings the world's finest artists to San Diego. Founded in 1965, and led for the last 26 years by General Director and Artistic Director Ian D. Campbell, San Diego Opera produces performances of the highest artistic quality while remaining financially stable.

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