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OPERA ATELIER PRESENTS MONTEVERDI'S *THE RETURN OF ULYSSES*

TORONTO, ON...Opera Atelier begins its 2007-2008 season with Canada's first fully staged period production of Monteverdi's *The Return of Ulysses*. This deeply moving opera recounts the story of the Greek king Ulysses and his return to his homeland after a twenty-year absence fighting in the Trojan War. Ulysses' reunion with his wife Penelope and his son Telemachus is one of opera's most poignant moments. *The Return of Ulysses* runs **October 27, 28, 30, November 1, 2, and 3, 2007** at the Elgin Theatre (189 Yonge Street). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the October 28th Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

The Return of Ulysses stars **Carla Huhtanen** (Minerva/Love), **Olivier Laquerre** (Ulysses/Human Frailty), **Cory Knight** (Telemachus), **Stephanie Novacek** (Penelope), **Laura Pudwell** (Pisandro), **Vicki St. Pierre** (Ericlea), **Michiel Schrey** (Eurimaco), **Kevin Skelton** (Anfinomo/Jove), **Jennie Such** (Fortune/Melanto), **Curtis Sullivan** (Antinoo/Time), **Christopher Temporelli** (Neptune), **Lawrence Wiliford** (Eumete), and **Artists of Atelier Ballet** accompanied by Canada's finest Renaissance ensemble, **The Toronto Consort**, conducted by **David Fallis**.

The Return of Ulysses will be directed by **Marshall Pynkoski** and choreographed by **Jeannette Zingg**, Opera Atelier's co-artistic directors, with set designs by **Gerard Gauci**, original costume designs by **Dora Rust-D'Eye** and lighting by **Kevin Fraser**. The production will be sung in Italian with English and French SURTITLES™.

Tickets for *The Return of Ulysses* range from **\$30 to \$130** and may be purchased by calling TicketMaster at **(416) 872-5555**, on-line at www.ticketmaster.ca or in person at the Elgin Theatre Box Office. Student tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by full-time students with valid I.D. in person at the Elgin Theatre Box Office (max. 2 tickets per person, subject to availability). Group discounts (15 people +) are available by calling 416-703-3767 ext. 24. For more information visit www.operaatelier.com. Opera Atelier offers free introductions to the opera and its themes one hour before each performance in the Elgin Lounge.

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