



## OPERA NIGHT OUT WITH “DON PASQUALE” IN LITTLE ITALY

Montreal, July 26th, 2023 – On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm, on the Mastro® and San Daniele® stage in Little Italy, all eyes will be on the presentation of the opera, “Don Pasquale”, starring a cast of exceptional singers including **Carol-Anne Roussel** as Norina/Sofrina, **Hugo Laporte** as Dr. Maletesta, **Louis-Charles Gagnon** as Ernesto, and **Doug MacNaughton** as Don Pasquale.

Under the artistic direction of **Salvatore Sciascia**, with a symphonic thirty-piece orchestra, directed by **Maestro Jean-Michel Malouf**, the opera is always sure to be one of the festival's highlights.

The performance of this year's production of “Don Pasquale” by Gaetano Donizetti, reflects the traditions of *opera buffa*, with basic characters derived from the *commedia dell'arte*. First presented in January 1843, this opera in three acts recounts the misadventures of Don Pasquale, a miserly, elderly bachelor who prevents his nephew from marrying the woman he's in love with. With the help of Dr. Malatesta, the young lovers concoct a farce that allows them to foil Pasquale's plans and finally be together.

The first festival to offer a free opera, ItalfestMTL honours this traditional artform by making it accessible to the public in an outdoor setting. In case of rain, however, the opera will be presented in the Notre-Dame-de-la-Défense Church with limited capacity. First come, first served.

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