

## PRESS RELEASE

# Booking very strong as many chose Wexford Festival Opera as their one special thing to do this year.

Wexford Festival Opera reaches 90% ticket sales  
With still over 8 weeks to go until the Festival opens on Oct 21

(Sunday, August 23, 2009) Wexford Festival Opera today announced that ticket sales have already reached 90% capacity. The Festival, which opens on October 21<sup>st</sup>, has experienced excellent ticket sales to date but **there are still some tickets available** so the message from the Festival today is book now to avoid disappointment!

From Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Wexford Festival Opera will showcase three stunning Operas and a programme of other events.

Among the highlights this year will be:

- The European Premiere of the new performing version of **'The Ghosts of Versailles'** by Oscar winning American composer John Corigliano
- A double bill of ***Une éducation manquée*** by Emmanuel Chabrier & ***La cambiale di matrimonio*** by Gioachino Rossini with a musical score that sparkles with wit, vivacity and melodic spontaneity.
- Gaetano Donizetti's melodrama, ***Maria Padilla*** a tale of family honour and tragedy.

Off the main stage there is a wealth of other events to choose from, including the ever-popular lunchtime recitals, the Gala Concert and the Prague Chamber Choir Recitals. New additions to the programme this year include a performance by acapella phenomenon, *Anúna* and a piano recital by the winner of the AXA Dublin International Piano Competition, Alexej Gorlatch, who will perform a concert of his award winning repertoire in his first Irish recital since winning this prestigious award.

Wexford Festival Opera is now one the most sought after national cultural and social events of the year. Now housed in the award-winning Wexford Opera House, this Festival is expected to sell-out. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at [www.wexfordopera.com](http://www.wexfordopera.com) (no booking fee)

Telephone: Lo-call 1850-4-OPERA or (053) 912 2144.

Tickets from €25.

**If you do one special thing this year – visit Wexford Festival Opera.**

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