The Mannes Opera Presents Verdi’s *La Traviata*  
Conducted by Joseph Colaneri  
The Kaye Playhouse, May 9, and May 10, 2009

**WHAT:** The Mannes Opera of Mannes College The New School for Music, conducted by Joseph Colaneri, will present a fully staged production of Giuseppe Verdi’s *La Traviata* featuring two international casts of singers from The Mannes Opera accompanied by The Mannes Orchestra. It will be performed in the original Italian.

"La Traviata is one of the masterpieces of Giuseppe Verdi’s middle period—a time when Verdi explored intimate relationships in great detail. Verdi’s genius is that he can express the deepest human emotions in completely musical terms and it is exciting for the students of the Mannes Opera to have the opportunity to encounter this great genius," observed Colaneri.

Joseph Colaneri, an acclaimed conductor of opera, oratorio, and symphonic works, has been artistic director of The Mannes Opera since 1998. He is also now in his twelfth season as a member of the conducting roster of the Metropolitan Opera. Regina Resnik, master artist-in-residence at Mannes, coached the student performers in vocal technique and style, along with other aspects of operatic performance during a four-week period of intensive rehearsals in the spring. The team of professionals behind the production includes Laura Alley (stage director) and Roger Hanna (set designer).

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 10, 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College, East 68th Street (between Park & Lexington Avenues)

**ABOUT:** Verdi’s *La Traviata* is one of the most popular operas ever composed. Premiering in March 1853 at Teatro La Fenice in Venice, the opera is based on the novel *La dame aux Camélias* by Alexandre Dumas, fils. The title “La Traviata” means literally “the woman who strayed” or “the fallen one.”

**ADMISSION:** Tickets required. $30 for general admission; $10 for seniors and students with valid ID. Tickets available at the Kaye Playhouse Box Office, East 68th Street (between Park & Lexington Avenues). Call 212.772.4448 for more information.

Mannes College The New School for Music is one of the world’s leading conservatories. Since its founding in 1916, Mannes has nurtured tomorrow’s musical leaders in an intimate, supportive community true to the values of classical music. Its eminent faculty and comprehensive curriculum teach musical artistry and impart deep knowledge of music and its structures. Mannes College’s connection to The New School and its location in New York City offer a unique setting for musicians to grow into great artists. For more information, visit www.newschool.edu/mannes.
La Traviata Cast

Violetta Valéry: Emily Duncan-Brown, Nali Youm
Flora Bervoix: Maya Lahyani, Eve Gigliotti
Annina: Hyo Na Kim
Alfredo Germont: Bong Kook Lee, Won Whi Choi
Giorgio Germont: Young Joo An, Byung Soo Cho
Gastone: Chee Shen Tan, Tomohisa Kawano
Baron Douphol: Ricardo Rivera, Duck Yong Kim
Marquis D'Obliginy: Luis Alvarado
Doctor Grenvil: Chang Jin Choung

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