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Tempo's Opera Tasting 2011 is September 17

Minnesota Opera's Young Professionals Organization, Tempo, throws Opera Tasting 2011: Pouring out from the Heavens

- What:** Tempo's Opera Tasting 2011
- Where:** Minnesota Opera Center, 620 North First Street, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- When:** Saturday, September 17, 8:30pm
- Tickets:** \$50/Tempo members, \$75/non-members, \$100/VIP. Call the Minnesota Opera Ticket Office at 612.333.6669, Monday–Friday, 9am–6pm, or purchase online at mnopera.org/operatasting.

SOCIAL MEDIA: To find all things Tempo and Opera Tasting online, visit mnopera.org/tempo or find Tempo on Facebook at [facebook.com/mnopera.tempo](https://www.facebook.com/mnopera.tempo). Additionally, visit their fabulous blog at mnopera-tempo.blogspot.com. Tempo will also be live tweeting Opera Tasting on Minnesota Opera's Twitter feed at twitter.com/mnopera. Use hashtags #operatasting and #tempo if you mention us.

Minneapolis—Like your Puccini with hints of smoky etherealness, bouquets of strawberry and oak or aromas of earth and tobacco? Then come and taste your opera while enjoying lashings of wine at **Opera Tasting 2011: Pouring out from the Heavens** on Saturday, September 17, at the **Minnesota Opera Center**.

A five course wine tasting courtesy of Solo Vino with delicious pairings from Toast Wine Bar & Café accompanying your main dish – **Minnesota Opera's Resident Artists** – as they swoon you with a little Italian on the side. Indulge your taste buds on cadenzas, cabalettas and arias by opera's greatest composers as you preview Minnesota Opera's 2011–2012 season. Wear decadent glam to fit in with our theme of Pouring out from the Heavens.

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Why look up at the stars when you could be sitting among them? VIP Luxury Treatment is available for \$100/person. VIP tables are also available for parties of eight for \$800. All VIP tickets include an exclusive pre-party at the Opera Center with Minnesota Opera President Allan Naplan, mingling with the cast of *Così fan tutte*, live music performances and fabulous prizes to carry on your own starry night affair in St. Paul.

All proceeds from Opera Tasting 2011 further the mission of Tempo. Tempo is a membership program of Minnesota Opera that seeks to build the next generation of opera-goers by providing fun and folly for young professionals ages 21–39.

Purchase your tickets by calling the Minnesota Opera Ticket Office at 612.333.6669, Monday–Friday, 9am–6pm.

Not yet a Tempo member? Join now for only \$50 to get your discounted ticket to Opera Tasting 2011, as well as innumerable benefits: over 65% off your Minnesota Opera season tickets, access to opening night cast parties, networking events and reciprocal benefits with opera companies nationwide.

Opera Tasting 2011 Sponsors

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About Tempo and Minnesota Opera ...

Tempo is a membership program for both new and seasoned opera-goers ages 21–39. In addition to opening night tickets, Tempo brings members closer to opera through a look behind-the-scenes and introductions to the singers and creative team behind each production. Tempo also connects opera-goers socially through exclusive programming, such as Opera Tasting.

The Minnesota Opera's mission is to produce opera and opera education programs
at the highest artistic level that inspire and entertain our audiences
and enrich the cultural life of our community.

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