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The Art of the Three Tenors

October 2007, Mississauga, Ontario... Singing of love, conquest, betrayal and heartache, from a melting serenade to a spine tingling 'high C', the tenor voice romances. In the **Living Art Centre's** case, the romance is tripled with three tenors; all young, talented, classically trained vocalists with a strength for spirited storytelling. This talented trio, **Romanza**, is quickly winning the hearts of classical and contemporary music lovers all across North America and Europe. With well over forty concerts booked in North America alone for this upcoming season, **Romanza** performs at the Living Arts Centre on **October 12th** at **8:30 pm** as part of the **Casually Relaxed Series** in the intimate, cabaret style setting of **RBC Theatre**.

Romanza is Philip Grant, Todd Jang, and Frederik Robert; experienced tenors charged with vitality and talent and born to entertain on the international stage. In addition to re-invigorating opera hits, Italian favourites, and popular folksongs live, the trio also released their own album, *Genuine*, in 2006. Successfully bridging the gap between Opera and Pop, **Romanza** is accessible to music lovers of all kinds.

Worldly tenor Philip Grant can list performances across Canada, the U.S., Italy, and Mexico as versatile training grounds for his burgeoning talent. Pairing an exciting rich tone with a dedication to excellent musicianship, Grant already has more than a dozen lead roles under his belt. On the operatic stage, he has performed with Vancouver Opera, Opera Nuova, Il Ruggiero di Bologna, Teatro Corleone, and Opera Breve.

Food and wine are a natural pairing, but how about food and opera? Mastering both arts beautifully is Liverpool native Todd Jang, a powerful voice in **Romanza's** trio and a chef graduate from one of Canada's top culinary schools. Having performed roles with the

Vancouver Opera, Calgary Opera, Opera Saskatchewan, and Edmonton Opera, Jang is no stranger to the genre though his musical tastes range from jazz to rock to hip-hop. As the newest addition to **Romanza**, Jang's equal passion for food and for singing will likely bring a unique blend of tastes and flavours to the group dynamic.

Romanza's youngest tenor, Frederik Robert, is already building a strong, professional reputation in the performance world. Proficient in opera, oratorio, recital work, musical theatre, and pop, Robert's recent performances include: Des Grieux in Massenet's *Manon* and Fenton in Verdi's *Falstaff* with Opera Nuova and Monostatos/Armed Guard/First Priest in Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* with The National Arts Center Orchestra and Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

With such a diverse collective repertoire, the three tenors of **Romanza** can look forward to a future that shines in all directions.

Tickets for **Romanza** start at \$25. As part of the eyeGO programme, high school students may purchase tickets at the Box Office for \$5 each. Tickets are available online at www.livingartscentre.ca; by phone at 905.306.6000 or 1.888.805.8888; or in person at the box office from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and ninety minutes before and thirty minutes after the start of all performances.

The Living Arts Centre is located at 4141 Living Arts Drive, Mississauga, on the west side of Square One Shopping Centre. Complimentary underground parking at the Living Arts Centre is available. LIVE Cuisine Restaurant will be open for Pre-Theatre Dinner Buffet and Post-Show Dessert. Please call 905.306.6116 for dinner reservations.

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