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2026/2027 SEASON REFERENCE SHEET

Below, please find casting details and a link to high-res production photography for the Canadian Opera Company's upcoming season of programming. **All information is current as of the date of release and may be subject to further updates and additions.**

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La Traviata

By Giuseppe Verdi

September 18, 26, 27, October 2, 4, 7, 9, 13, 15, and 17, 2026

Sung in Italian with English and French SURTITLES™

A COC co-production with Houston Grand Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago

Cast and Creative Team

Violetta Valéry	Kathryn Lewek*
	Lucia Cesaroni**
Alfredo Germont	Long Long*
	Luke Norvell**
Giorgio Germont	Russell Braun*
	Reginald Smith Jr.**
Baron Douphol	Peter Barrett
Dr. Grenvil	Alex Halliday
Conductor	Paolo Carignani
Director	Arin Arbus
Set Designer	Riccardo Hernandez
Costume & Puppetry Designer	Cait O'Connor
Lighting Designer	Marcus Doshi
Choreographer	Austin McCormick
Price Family Chorus Master	Sandra Horst

With the COC Orchestra and Chorus

*September 18, 26; October 4, 7, 13, 15, and 17, 2026

**September 28; October 2, and 9, 2026

Così fan tutte

By Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

October 3, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, and 18, 2026

Sung in Italian with English and French SURTITLES™

A Canadian Opera Company Revival

Cast and Creative Team

Ferrando	Laurence Kilsby
Guglielmo	Joel Allison
Don Alfonso	Daniel Okulitch
Fiordiligi	Lauren Fagan
Dorabella	Martina Myskohlid
Despina	Tracy Dahl

Conductor	Johannes Debus
Director	Atom Egoyan
Set & Costume Designer	Debra Hanson
Lighting Designer	Michael Walton
Price Family Chorus Master	Sandra Horst

With the COC Orchestra and Chorus

The Turn of the Screw

By Benjamin Britten

January 23, 30, February 5, 7, 9, 11, and 17, 2027

Sung in English with English and French SURTITLES™

A Canadian Opera Company Production, Originated from Garsington Opera

Cast and Creative Team

Governess	Jane Archibald
Mrs. Grose	Adrienne Pieczonka
Miss Jessel	Kirsten LeBlanc
Quint/Prologue	Isaiah Bell

Conductor	Patrick Summers
Director	Louisa Muller
Set & Costume Designer	Christopher Oram
Lighting Designer	Malcolm Richardson

Ariadne auf Naxos

By Richard Strauss

February 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 20, 2027

Sung in German with English and French SURTITLES™

Production rental from Teatro Comunale di Bologna, Teatro la Fenice, and Teatro Verdi Trieste

Cast and Creative Team

Prima Donna/Ariadne	Rachel Willis-Sørensen
The Music Master	Russell Braun
An Officer	Roger Honeywell
The Composer	Ema Nikolovska
Tenor/Bacchus	Clay Hilley
Zerbinetta	Julie Roset
The Dancing Master	Lucas van Lierop

Truffaldino Duncan Stenhouse

Conductor Johannes Debus
Director Paul Curran
Set & Costume Designer Gary McCann
Lighting Designer Howard Hudson

Cusson/Dimaline's Empire of Wild

By Ian Cusson and Cherie Dimaline

May 1, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, and 21, 2027

Sung in English and French with English and French SURTITLES™

***Empire of Wild* is co-produced with the National Arts Centre's National Creation Fund, Orchestra, and Indigenous Theatre**

***Empire of Wild's* music score is co-commissioned with the NAC Orchestra**

Cast and Creative Team

Joan Elisabeth St-Gelais
Thomas Heiser Gordon Bintner
Cecille Alex Hetherington
Victor Elliot Madore
Flo Beausoleil Marion Newman
Marius Justin Welsh
Gerald Colin Ainsworth

Conductor Johannes Debus
Director Yvette Nolan
Set Designer Gillian Gallow
Costume Designer Jeff Chief
Lighting Designer Michelle Ramsay
Projections Designer Cameron Davis
Price Family Chorus Master Sandra Horst

With the COC Orchestra and Chorus

The Elixir of Love

By Gaetano Donizetti

May 8, 14, 16, 18, 20, 26, and 29, 2027

Sung in Italian with English and French SURTITLES™

A Canadian Opera Company Revival

Cast and Creative Team

Nemorino Duke Kim
Adina Emily Rocha
Belcore Joshua Hopkins
Dr. Dulcamara Luca Pisaroni

Conductor Lorenzo Passerini

Director	James Robinson
Set Designer	Allen Moyer
Costume Designer	Martin Pakledinaz
Lighting Designer	Paul Palazzo
Price Family Chorus Master	Sandra Horst

With the COC Orchestra and Chorus

Trew/Krehm's Come Closer

By Ryan Trew and Rachel Krehm

June 18, 19, 20, 2027

Sung in English with English and French SURTITLES™

Presented by Canadian Opera Company and Opera 5 in the Canadian Opera Company Theatre

Cast and Creative Team

Big Sister	Rachel Krehm
Little Sister	Jacqueline Woodley

Conductor	Evan Mitchell
Director	Anna Theodosakis
Set & Costume Designer	Scott Penner
Lighting Designer	Siobhan Sleath
Projections Designer	Nathan Bruce

With the COC Orchestra

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