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Pensacola Opera presents "Learn Before You Come" events for *Così fan tutte*

This coming weekend, January 18th, and 19th, Pensacola Opera offers two fantastic opportunities to learn about its upcoming production of *Così fan tutte* from the director and cast.

On Saturday, January 18th, patrons can join the Opera at Barnes and Noble Booksellers for **Opera Hors D'oeuvres**, a fun, family-friendly preview of the opera. Starting at 5pm, Director of Education Timothy Kennedy will give a short talk about Mozart's comedy, with excerpts and highlights sung by the Opera's world-class artists.

Sunday, January 19th, at 3pm is the **Gallery Talk** at the Pensacola Museum of Art. In this signature educational event, Timothy Kennedy will be joined by Leah Griffin, Assistant Curator at the Museum, who will discuss art history in the period in which the opera was written. Together, they'll explore the complex, rich relationship between music and art. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres are provided, and our singers will present selections from *Così fan tutte*.

Both the **Opera Hors D'oeuvres** and the **Gallery Talk** are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.pensacolaopera.com.

Tickets for *Così fan tutte* are still available, and can be purchased from the Pensacola Opera Center, 850-433-6737.