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Pensacola Opera to Offer "Rush" Discount

For the final two performances of Mozart's *Così fan tutte* at the University of West Florida, Pensacola Opera will offer half-price tickets on a "rush" basis. A half-hour before curtain, all remaining tickets will be available at half-price; just \$25! Remaining performances of this laugh-out-loud opera are Friday, January 30 at 7:30pm and Sunday, February 1 at 2pm, at the University of West Florida's Mainstage Theatre. For more information, contact Geoffrey Bleeker, Patron Services Manager, at (850) 433-6737, or email admin@pensacolaopera.com

"We've had an amazing response to this, the first opera in our Next Twenty Five Years," said Dr. Kyle Marrero, the Opera's General and Artistic Director. "We're happy to be able to offer reduced-price tickets to make sure the entire community can see and hear this light-hearted production. "

Così fan tutte (or the School for Lovers) begins with a bet – Don Alfonso, a confirmed bachelor, overhears two young soldiers, Guglielmo and Ferrando, boasting about their girlfriend's fidelity and virtue, and asks them to wager on it. Once the terms of the bet are settled, Don Alfonso has the men disguise themselves as "Albanians" to woo their women – two sisters, Fiordiligi and Dorabella. Working with their maid, Despina, Alfonso sets trap after trap for the pairs, taking them further into a farcical lover's maze. As always, things get worse for the couples before they get better – but you'll have to come and see just how things end up for our young lovers!

The production is directed by Timothy Kennedy and conducted by Jerome Shannon, with sets and lighting designed by Charles Houghton and costumes designed by Glenn Avery Breed.