

DANCE SERIES

October 14, 2014, 12 p.m.

Highlights from Handel's Alcina

Artists of Opera Atelier and Atelier Ballet**Marshall Pynkoski and Jeannette Lajeunesse Zingg, Artistic Directors****Alcina:** Meghan Lindsay, soprano**Morgana:** Mireille Asselin, soprano**Ruggiero:** Allyson McHardy, mezzo-soprano**Bradamante:** Wallis Giunta, mezzo-soprano**Melisso:** Olivier Laquerre, bass**Pianist:** Christopher Bagan**Artists of Atelier Ballet:**

Jeannette Lajeunesse Zingg

Tyler Gledhill

Cynthia Smithers

Edward Tracz

THE PROGRAM

Opera Atelier's 2014/2015 season will begin with the Canadian premiere of a fully staged period production of George Frideric Handel's Baroque masterpiece *Alcina*, and will mark the company's first major Handel production at the Elgin Theatre. *Alcina* tells the story of a sorceress whose world is a mirage composed of the souls of her past lovers and the Christian knight Ruggiero who is destined to set them free.

The opera is set on a desert island: a strange, magical place where all is not as it seems. Evoking this mystical, changeable environment demands a little thinking outside the box. Our Baroque predecessors would have employed the most cutting-edge technology available to them, and that's just what Opera Atelier is going to do: experiment with film technology for the first time to bring this soaring, magical opera to life.

This opera contains some of Handel's most beautiful music, including some of his most famous dance music. In addition to a wonderful group of performers, *Alcina* will feature extraordinary set designs, stunning costumes, and unexpected stage magic.

If you enjoy the highlights performed for you today, you'll love what's on stage at the end of the month!

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Opera Atelier's *Alcina* runs **October 23 to November 1, 2014** at the Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge Street. To purchase tickets contact Ticketmaster at 1-855-622-ARTS (2787) or visit www.ticketmaster.ca.

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