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ONE-NIGHT-ONLY
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Superstar Soprano Renée Fleming Returns to LA Opera in Recital

(LOS ANGELES, CA) November 11, 2009 – Soprano Renée Fleming returns to LA Opera for a recital accompanied by Gerald Martin Moore on December 12 at 7:30pm at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. This will be her first appearance with the Company since her 2006 performances in *La Traviata*. The program will include songs by Richard Strauss and Olivier Messiaen, as well as Henri Dutilleux's song cycle *Le temps l'horloge*, a work composed specifically for Ms. Fleming, who performed the work at its world premiere in 2007. She will also sing several operatic excerpts, including an aria from Massenet's *Cléopâtre* and rarely heard arias by Italian contemporaries of Giacomo Puccini, including selections from Ruggero Leoncavallo's *La Bohème* and *Zazà*, Umberto Giordano's *Siberia* and Ricardo Zandonai's *Conchita*. "I was surprised by the number of operas composed in that period that we aren't familiar with," says Ms. Fleming. "There are so many terrific set pieces that aren't heard today, either because the opera's story is dated or because the entire piece doesn't work dramatically in the theater. But the decades after Verdi's retirement were an amazingly rich period for operatic composition in Italy. This music is the highest expression of drama and passion." After the recital, audience members will have the opportunity to meet Ms. Fleming at a CD signing in the theater lobby.

As "the people's diva," renowned soprano Renée Fleming continues to charm audiences throughout the world with her luminous artistry, superb vocal intelligence, exquisite musical grace and voice of "liquid gold." Her artistry has taken her to the world's capitals and great opera houses, captivating audiences everywhere she goes. The late Sir Georg Solti described the impact of her singing: "Quite apart from the sheer lyrical beauty of voice, she has an innate musicianship which makes every performance a great joy."

Renée Fleming in Recital will be presented one-night-only, Saturday, December 12 at 7:30pm, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles Music Center, 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Tickets range from \$25 to \$100, and can be purchased at the LA Opera Box Office, by phone at (213) 972-8001 or online at www.laopera.com. For disability access, call (213) 972-0777 or e-mail wehelpyou@laopera.com.

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