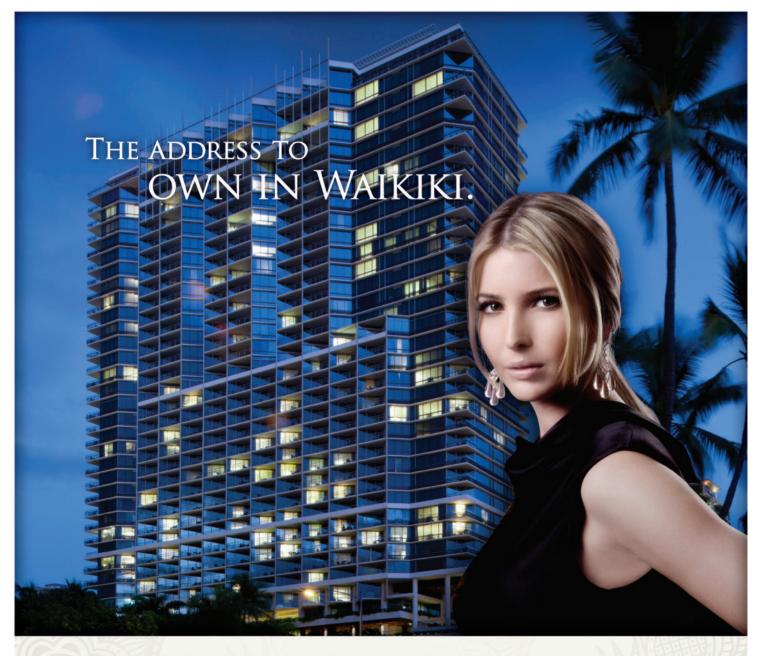




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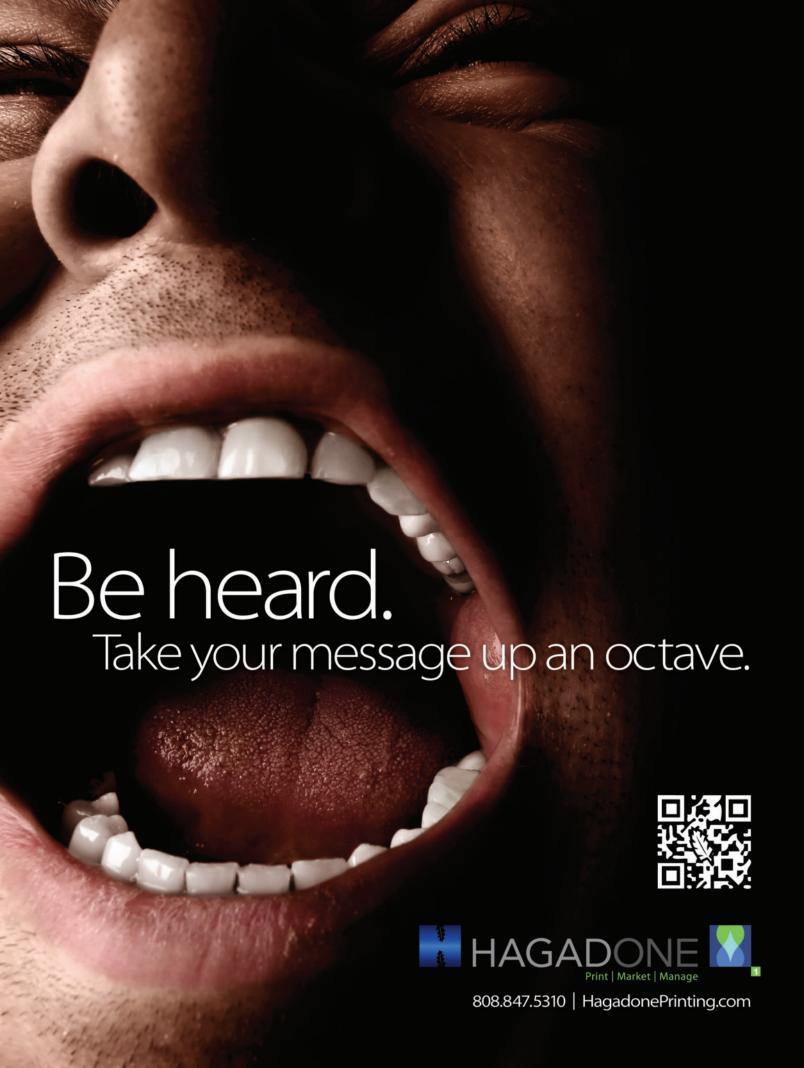
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ART DEPT. A DAY AT THE MUSEUM



s she fluttered from artwork **1** to artwork like a hungry bee, Debbie Walstrom pointed out a couple of artists whose work she owns. "There is so much talent here—I have bought a couple of things from galleries in Los Angeles and New York, but I love Hawai'i artists," she said, exploring the exhibition Hawai'i Art Now, at the Honolulu Museum of Art. "Plus it makes me feel a little like a poor Medici or something—a modern-day modest art patron," she giggled. "Seriously, I have only a few hundred dollars to spend on art a year, but it gives me so much more satisfaction than, say, buying a new washing machine."

Walstrom made her way across the museum to the Buddhist Gallery. "I love that The Contemporary Museum and the Honolulu Academy of Arts are now one—as the Honolulu Museum of Art. Now I can see everything for my single membership. I look forward to the *Biennial of Hawai'i Artists X* opening at Spalding House in three weeks. I love Mary Babcock's textile work and can't wait to see what she created for the show."

As she entered the Buddhist Gallery, Walstrom fell silent. Then she whispered, "I love contemporary art, but I can't come to the museum without visiting Guanyin. Look at that her—she's so beautiful...or is it a him?"

Two teenage students were standing in front of the Chinese sculpture. Walstrom, always nosey, sidled up to them. "Are you here for an assignment?" she asked. "Yaaaah," the boy hesitantly answered. "Can you believe she's a thousand years old?" Walstrom asked dreamily. "Totally awesome," the boy's companion replied, twirling a lock of hair. Then she held up her iPhone and asked Walstrom, "Did you know if you go to Wikipedia and type in 'guanyin' you get a picture of this exact artwork? So rad."

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The slap. It never fails to amaze me what things a director obsesses over when gearing up to stage an opera. Due to the crazy demands of publication deadlines, these words to all of you are being written on a crisp autumn afternoon in western Canada, just when Hawaii is surely at its most lovely. I'm at an early stage in the pondering, formulating and contemplaing process for our HOT production of *DON PASQUALE*, and just one of the hundreds of things going around and around in my mind as the poplar leaves fall around and around me is...the slap.

It's a tiny detail, but at the same time, a key moment in this glorious comic masterpiece of the opera buffa tradition, and it's the one of ALL the moments that I'm crossing fingers we'll get just right. It's a moment that somehow encapsulates the complexity of Donizetti's work, and of his own life. The dazzling range of his sixty-five operas, everything from the heartbreak of *ANNA BOLENA* and *LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR* to the hilarity and delightful silliness of *ELIXIR OF LOVE* and *DON PASQUALE*, somehow makes sense when you think that Donizetti was notable for his good humour, friendliness and support for his fellow composers, but whose own private life was filled with tragedy and death. One has to wonder again and again how a man who lost all three of his children in their early infancy, as well as his beloved wife at a very young age from cholera, could, in the final year of his own comparatively young life, produce such a sunny, happy and joyous masterpiece as *DON PASQUALE*.

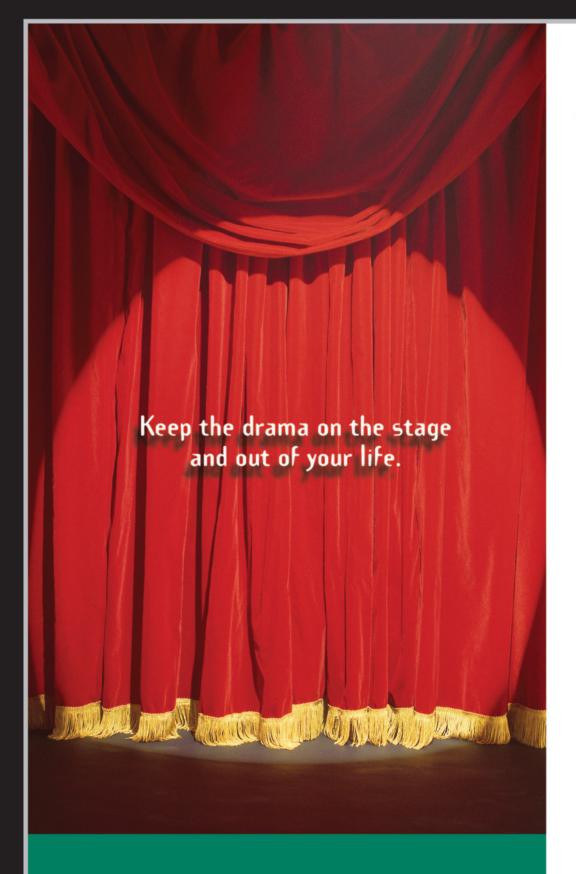
And that's the challenge of the slap, I'm thinking on this October afternoon, when suddenly and briefly, the unfolding pleasures of the opera take an unexpectedly dark turn. Comedy at its finest exists only if there is an edge, a suggestion of darkness, the potential for bitterness, the possibility of disaster and the potential for the opposite end of the spectrum, tragedy. Truly great comedy walks the tightrope between mirth and mayhem and those tiny moments when the entire souffle of the work may fall flatter than the proverbial pancake, and I'm wondering today how just one of these particular moments should play out in our show.

Directorial navel-gazing? I don't know. By the time this piece I so love is taking place before you on a warm Honolulu evening, will the slap matter at all? Will it raise an eyebrow, raise a laugh, raise a question, or will pre-show readers of these words simply wonder what the heck Deedrick was going on about? At this so very early point in my ruminations, all I know is that I'm preoccupied with myriad thoughts and ideas for this wonderful opera, and I hope and trust that we'll all discover the joys of Donizetti's *DON PASQUALE* together.

Mahalo.



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SYNOPSIS

ACT I scene i

Don Pasquale's house

Bursting with impatience, the rich, elderly Don Pasquale is waiting for Dr. Malatesta to arrive. Full of delight, the old man listens to the description his friend gives of a potential bride: fresh, innocent, gentle, and of good family to boot; the sister, fresh out of the convent, of none other than Dr. Malatesta. Don Pasquale is full of zeal, as only an old bachelor knows how. He must see this "Sofronia" of his dreams right away. Don Pasquale proposes a deal to his nephew Ernesto: either he marries the rich and aristocratic bride of his uncle's choice, receiving a fat annuity, or he is disinherited. If there is no wedding, his uncle will himself marry in order to "cut off all hope". Ernesto refuses; he is in love with the young widow Norina, whose failing is not being rich. Don Pasquale decides that he will no longer house Ernesto, and he will marry Sofronia instead. Ernesto is struck dumb with consternation - he must abandon his plans, since he refuses to drag his beloved down to poverty - and he suggests to Don Pasquale that he seek Dr. Malatesta's sage advise. When it looks as if the doctor is in league with his uncle, Ernesto's despair is at its height: his supposed friend turns out to be a deceiver.

ACT I scene ii

At Norina's house

Norina is commenting on a novel she is reading, but also dwells on her skills as a charmer, which could be useful in a plot to which Dr. Malatesta has alluded. Malatesta arrives to find Norina disturbed and distraught: she has just had a note from Ernesto, announcing his departure and denouncing his false friend Malatesta. The doctor sets her mind at rest and promises to keep Ernesto from leaving by revealing to him the trick to be played on Pasquale. "Sofronia", convent-fresh, will be none other than Norina, playing the shy, obedient bride to the old man. Norina shows off her skills as an actress to Malatesta's satisfaction.

ACT I scene iii

At Don Pasquale's house

Prepared for eternal exile, Ernesto laments the loss of his dreams. Don Pasquale has feverishly prepared for the arrival of his betrothed. Norina/Sofronia plays the timid fawn, and the would-be bridegroom is overjoyed when she removes her veil. He is overwhelmed, pops the questions, and is accepted. However, once she has said "I do", Sofronia is a changed girl. She refuses the smallest kiss form her husband, bullies him, mocks him and flirts with Ernesto, saying she wants him as her attendant knight. Authority changes hands, the servants are summoned, their wages doubled, and a new style of living is announced. Don Pasquale is on the verge of apoplexy.

INTERMISSION

ACT II scene i

At Don Pasquale's house

Sofronia sets the servants to work. Don Pasquale looks aghast at the pile of tradesmen's bills. Realizing that his wife is planning that very night to go to the theatre, and without him, Pasquale tries to stop her, only to meet with a slap in the face. Don Pasquale is contemplating divorce when he discovers a letter, addressed to "My adored Sofronia" (conveniently dropped by Norina), inviting her to a tryst. While Don Pasquale goes to look for Malatesta, the servants comment on the new style of the house and the latest events. Malatesta listens to Don Pasquale's complaints, pretending not to believe in the story of the slap in the face. Don Pasquale's idea is to take her straight to the magistrate, but the doctor advises greater discretion, suggesting merely throwing her out once her unfaithfulness is proved. Don Pasquale enjoys a foretaste of revenge, while Malatesta relishes the closing of the trap on the old foot.

Don Pasquale and Malatesta listen to the serenade sung for Sofronia, and the lovers' duet which follows. However, when they attempt to catch the couple red-handed, Ernesto slips away without being recognized, and Sofronia protests her innocence. Malatesta announces to his sister that another woman will share Don Pasquale's house from the next day on. It is, of course, Norina, who Ernesto will be allowed to marry with Don Pasquale's blessing, if only to confound the shrewish Sofronia. The doctor then reveals that Sofronia is Norina, and that Don Pasquale's marriage was only a practical joke. Naturally, Don Pasquale forgives all three, and the opera concludes with a moral to the story: "Old men marrying younger women...promises only headaches and pain."



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VALERIAN RUMINSKI Don Pasquale

Hometown: Lackawanna, NY. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Ferrando, Il Trovatore (Nickel City Opera); Brahms' Requiem (Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Ohio); Luther, Tales of Hoffmann (Canadian Opera Company); Dulcamara, The Elixir of Love (Nickel City Opera); Colline, La bohème (Opera Lyra Ottawa). Career Highlights: Zuniga, Carmen (Metropolitan Opera debut); Deutsche Grammophone DVD of I Puritani (Metropolitan Opera); The King, Aida (Opera de Monte Carlo, European debut); Albert, La Juive (Carnegie Hall debut); Naxos CD release of 'Night at the Opera' arias and duets (2004). Past HOT Productions: Zuniga, Carmen (2009); Geronte, Manon Lescaut (2009); Bartolo, Le nozze di Figaro (2010); Raimondo, Lucia di Lammermoor (2011). Favorite Pastime: Trying to write a screenplay and recording my own pop music.



KELLY MARKGRAF Dr. Malatesta

Hometown: Cedarburg, WI. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Brahms/Schumann recital (Music@Menlo Festival); Ned Rorem's Aftermath (St. Paul Chamber Orchestra); Count Almaviva, Le nozze di Figaro (Kentucky Opera); Papageno, Die Zauberflöte (Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra); Brahms/Schumann recital (The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center). Career Highlights: Escamillo, Carmen (Pittsburgh Opera); Title role, Don Giovanni (Opera Omaha); Allazim, Mozart's Zaide (Carnegie Hall); Masetto, Don Giovanni (New York City Opera); Count Almaviva, Le nozze di Figaro (Minnesota Opera). Past HOT Productions: HOT Debut. Favorite Pastime: My baby daughter, Evelyn.



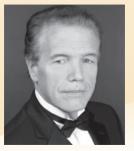
GEORGE DYER Ernesto

Hometown: Roanoke, VA. Recent & Upcoming Productions: The George Dyer Show (Branson, MO); Messiah in America (Orange County Mormon Chorale, FL & UT); Guest Soloist, Patriotic Celebration (BYU-Idaho). Career Highlights: Professional debut at New York City Opera. Past HOT Productions: Lensky, Eugene Onegin (2003); Ferrando, Così fan tutte (2004); Fredrick, Pirates of Penzance (2005); Don Ottavio, Don Giovanni (2007); Romeo, Roméo et Juliette (2008); Belmonte, Abduction from the Seraglio (2009). Favorite Pastime: Sports/outdoor activities.



EVELYN POLLOCK Norina

Hometown: Chicago, IL. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Musetta, La bohème (HOT); Isabella, Wuthering Heights (Rosenblatt); Lakmé, Lakmé (Florida Grand Opera); Roxanne, Cyrano de Bergerac (Opera Company of Philadelphia); Violetta, La Traviata (St. Gallen). Past HOT Productions: Musetta, La bohème (2010). Favorite Pastime: NY Times crosswords, vegetarian cooking and literature, and Bolonkas (our small Russian dog breed).



JOHN MOUNT Notary

Hometown: Sioux City, IA. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Marquis, La Traviata (HOT); UPCOMING: Frank, Die Fledermaus and Sacristan, Tosca (HOT). Career Highlights: Has sung with Opera Hong Kong, San Francisco Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Opera Colorado. Professor of Voice at University of Hawaii, Manoa. Past HOT Productions: 85 roles from Le nozze di Figaro, Don Carlo, La Traviata, Roméo et Juliette, La bohème, Tosca, Turandot, Manon Lescaut, Gianni Schicchi, Pearl Fishers, Carmen, Don Giovanni, Salome, etc. Favorite Pastime: Working as Professor of Voice at UH.



ARTISTIC TEAM



IVAN TÖRZS Conductor

Hometown: Paterson, NJ. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde (Madrid); Concerts in Sicily with Palermo Symphonic Orchestra; Don Giovanni (Lausanne, Switzerland) UPCOM-ING: The Cunning Little Vixen (Lausanne, Switzerland); Nicolai's Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor (Detmold, Germany). Career Highlights: L'elisir d'amore (Vienna State Opera); Moscow début with Russian National Orchestra; Conducted the first ever concert of Wagner in Tirana, Albania; Hamburg début with Barber of Seville; Wagner's Ring (De Vlaamse Opera, Antwerpen, Belgium). Past HOT Productions: Macbeth (1998); Elektra (1999); Tristan und Isolde (2000); Salome (2002); Otello (2004); Il Trittico (2006); Don Carlo (2008); Manon Lescaut (2009); The Marriage of Figaro (2010). Favorite Pastime: Learning Korean and trying to avoid getting yelled at.



BRIAN DEEDRICK Stage Director

Hometown: Lacombe, Alberta. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Le nozze di Figaro (Opera Nuova); Aida (Calgary Opera); Turandot (Opera Lyra Ottawa) UPCOMING: Eugene Onegin (Opera Carolina); Fidelio (Edmonton Opera). Career Highlights: Falstaff (Edmonton Opera); Lakmé (IVAI, Tel Aviv); Der fliegende Holländer (Baltimore Opera); Otello (L'Opéra de Québec); L'elisir d'amore (Arizona Opera) Past HOT Productions: The Merry Widow (2004). Favorite Pastime: When not directing theatre and opera, Brian works as a Berlin City Tour Guide. No, really.



MARY CHESNUT HICKS Co-Chorus Director

Hometown: Roanoke, VA. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Vocal director, Phantom of the Opera (Paliku Theatre) Music faculty at 'Iolani School; Choir director at First Presbyterian Church. Career Highlights: Queen of the Night, Magic Flute; Mother, Amabl and the Night Visitors; Mother, Ragtime; Marmee, Little Women; Eva Peron, Evita. Past HOT Productions: First Lady, Magic Flute (2003); Fresquita, Carmen (2002); Zerlina, Don Giovanni (2007); Mercedes, Carmen (2009), Waltraute, Die Walküre (2010); Flora, La Traviata (2011). Favorite Pastime: Spending time with my family and friends.



ERIC SCHANK Rehearsal Pianist

Hometown: Kailua, HI. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Aida (HOT Opera Express). Career Highlights: Working for the HOT Education Department. Past HOT Productions: A Little Night Music (2008); Faust (2011). Favorite Pastime: Cooking.



KELLY LUFT Stage Manager

Hometown: Port Stanley, Ontario. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Cinderella (Grand Theatre, London, Ontario); Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci, Lucia di Lamermoor and Turandot (Opera Lyra Ottawa); Hairspray (Drayton Entertainment); Giulio Cesare (Orchestra London Canada); Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Grand Theatre); UPCOMING: Il Trovatore (Opera Hamilton); The Sound of Music (Drayton Entertainment). Career Highlights: The Ring Cycle (Canadian Opera Company); Turandot (Opera Lyra Ottawa); Lucia di Lammermoor, Die Walküre, and Abduction from the Seraglio (HOT). Past HOT Productions: Lucia di Lammermoor (2010); Die Walküre (2009); Abduction from the Seraglio (2008). Favorite Pastime: Spending time with my two boys who are 6 and 13 and keep me very busy!

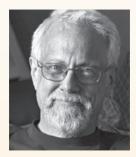


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BEEBE FREITAS Co-Chorus Director

Hometown: Youngstown, OH. Recent & Upcoming Productions: All past HOT productions; UPCOM-ING: Recital with Frederica von Stade. Career Highlights: Rehearsal pianist for Leonard Bernstein, Charles Munch, Gian Carlo Menotti; Recital with Yo Yo Ma; Recitals and recordings with clarinetist David Shifrin. Past HOT Productions: Every season since the Stone Age. Favorite Pastime: Reading, watching UH sports on TV.



PETER DEAN BECK Lighting Designer

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Turandot (Florentine Opera); Music Man (Skylight Opera Theatre); Marriage of Figaro and Susannah (CU Boulder) UPCOMING: Suor Angelical Gianni Schicchi (UC Boulder); Abduction from the Seraglio (SUNY Stony Brook); Sound of Music (Skylight Opera Theatre). Past HOT Productions: 27th season as resident designer, including Tristan und Isolde, Don Carlo, Elektra, A Little Night Music. Favorite Pastime: Loves cooking, jazz & NY Yankees



HELEN E. RODGERS Costumer

Hometown: Charlottesville, VA. Recent & Upcoming Productions: UPCOMING: Don Giovanni (Mannes Opera); The Ghosts of Versailles (Manhattan School of Music). Career Highlights: Die Walküre (HOT); Wild West costumes designed for San Diego Opera, performed by companies in US and Canada and remounted this season in San Diego. Past HOT Productions: Resident costumer since 2002. Favorites include Die Walküre, La bohème, & Susannah. Favorite Pastime: Travel, gardening and Reiki.



SUE SITTKO SCHAEFER Wig & Make-up Designer

Hometown: St. Paul, MN. Recent & Upcoming Productions: Boris Godunov and Don Giovanni (Utah Festival Opera); Musical Theatre in Logan, Utah; Carmen and Marriage of Figaro (Kentucky Opera). Career Highlights: Traveling and working in Poland on a production of Marriage of Figaro, co-produced by University of Louisville and The Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice, Poland. This production was the subject of the documentary film, "Figaro: Living in the Moment of a Character", directed and produced by Sue's husband, Dan Schaefer. Past HOT Productions: Faust, Lucia di Lammermoor and La Traviata (2011); Manon Lescaut, assisting former wigmaster Richard Stead (2009). Favorite Pastime: I LOVE to travel!



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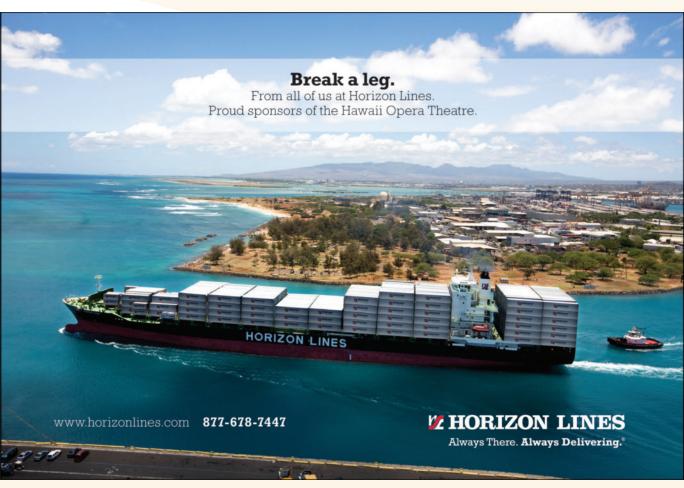


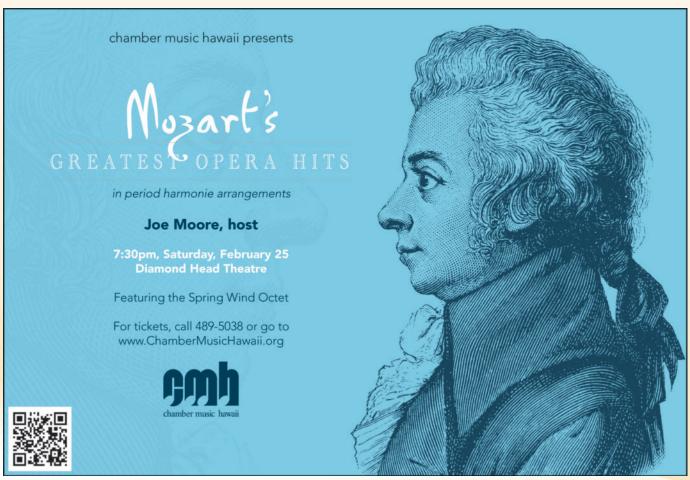


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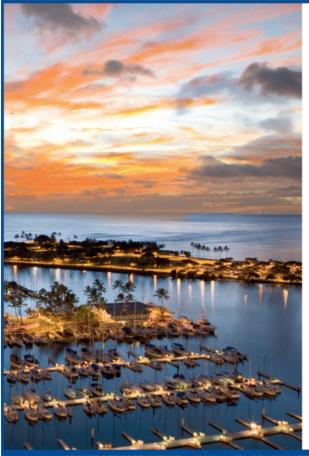
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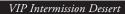


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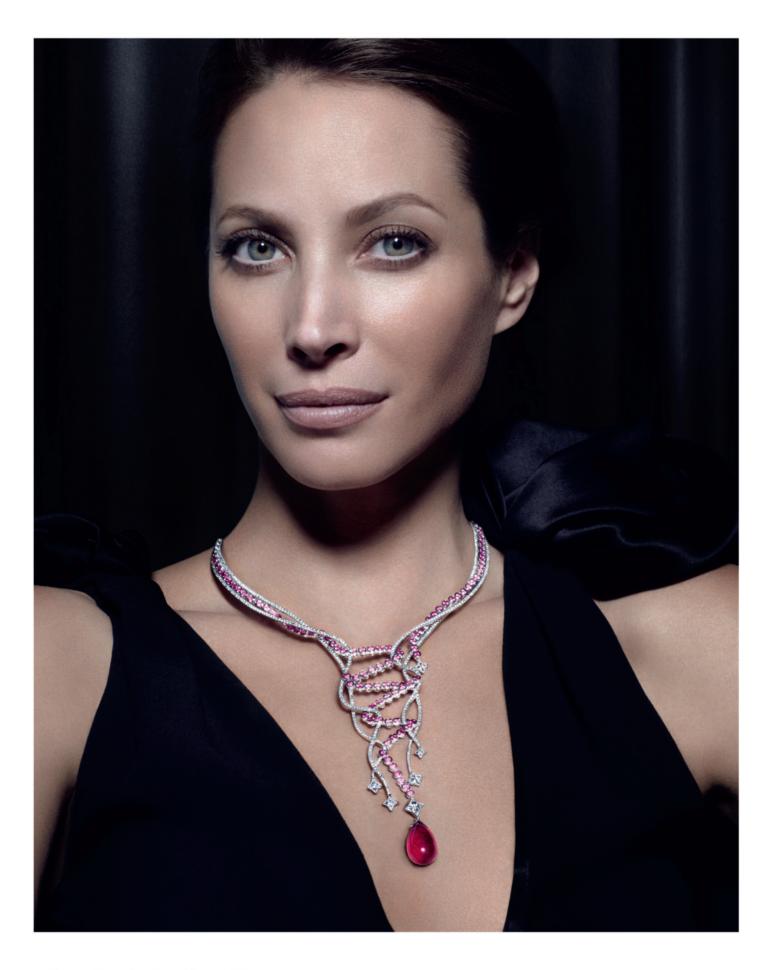
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