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**Heartwarming music for a cold winter's night
Dmitri Hvorostovsky in Recital at Lyric
Friday, February 26 at 7:30pm
with pianist Ivari Ilja**



Chicago - Music lovers will have a special opportunity to hear one of the world's greatest baritones in an unforgettable performance when the legendary Siberian baritone **Dmitri Hvorostovsky** sings in recital at **Lyric Opera of Chicago** with Estonian pianist **Ivari Ilja** on Friday, February 26.

For those seeking the perfect Valentine's Day gift, a chance to hear this paragon of soulful singing is just the ticket – literally! Hvorostovsky will perform a program of mostly Russian music, with each section of the concert highlighting a different composer.

The composers' names are familiar – Glinka, Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky, R. Strauss – but the repertoire is likely to be a revelation for many in the audience. Songs of love, passion, and heartbreak, along with songs extolling nature, fill the program.

In a recently posted video, Hvorostovsky told his North American fans, "I'm really looking forward to seeing you in February – at Carnegie Hall, at Lyric Opera of Chicago, and in Toronto. Please come and see me!" In a PBS interview he declared, "It is the biggest pleasure in the world to perform for a crowd that listens to your every breath – what can be better than this?"

Lyric audiences have loved Hvorostovsky since first sight and sound. He made his U.S. operatic debut on Lyric's stage as Germont in the new 1993 production of *La traviata*, and returned in the role a few years later. He has also triumphed at Lyric in *Faust*, *Un ballo in maschera*, and *Eugene Onegin*.

Additionally, Hvorostovsky joined renowned soprano Renée Fleming, Lyric's creative consultant, in a sold-out Subscriber Appreciation Concert with Sir Andrew Davis and the Lyric Opera Orchestra in early 2012. As Fleming says, "There is no voice more beautiful than his."

The opportunity to hear this stellar baritone interpret the art songs of his homeland should not be missed. His artistry, charisma, and powers of communication promise to make February 26 a red-letter evening at Lyric.

To purchase tickets, go to lyricopera.org/dmitri or call 312-827-5600. Tickets range from \$49 to \$199.

There will be an intimate post-performance reception with the artist following the concert. For information about limited premium concert packages that include this reception, please call 312-827-5660. \$500 per person.

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Founded in 1954, Lyric is dedicated to producing and performing consistently thrilling, entertaining, and thought-provoking opera with a balanced repertoire of core classics, lesser-known masterpieces, and new works; to

creating an innovative and wide-ranging program of community engagement and educational activities; and to developing exceptional emerging operatic talent.

Under the leadership of general director Anthony Freud, music director Sir Andrew Davis, and creative consultant Renée Fleming, Lyric strives to become The Great North American Opera Company for the 21st century: a globally significant arts organization embodying the core values of excellence, relevance, and fiscal responsibility.

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