

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### The Edmonton Opera and Ortona Gymnastics

What do these two groups have in common? The fun and witty production of Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio*, that's what.

Three of Ortona's high performance coaches, past competitive athletes themselves, have taken on roles in the production to flip and spin their way on the opera stage. Jill Scambler, Mevisha Maistry and Rebecca Sykes are three of the gymnasts who will be performing.

#### From the Edmonton Opera:

Mission: *Seraglio*. Suave and sophisticated secret agent Belmonte undertakes a mission of exotic espionage to rescue the love of his life (and fellow secret agent), Konstanze, enslaved by the villainous Pasha Selim. Backed in the mission by agents Pedrillo and Blonde, Belmonte battles to outwit the vindictive vizier and save the world. But will it be enough?

Mozart is for all times, and director Michael Cavanagh's wild and witty take on *Abduction from the Seraglio* takes us back to the style and glamour of the 60s. What happens when James Bond meets *I Dream of Jeannie*?

Join Edmonton Opera on a cold winter's night for action, mystique, seductive notes, wonderful arias, great fun and plenty of martinis.

To meet the cast, please visit: <http://www.edmontonopera.com/abduction/>

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Jubilee Auditorium.

Edmonton Opera – shaken, not stirred.

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### ABOUT ORTONA GYMNASTICS CLUB

Ortona Gymnastics Club, currently situated 'under the Bubble' on 50 Avenue was founded in 1976, and is one of the oldest gymnastics clubs in Edmonton. The Club, well known for its air dome building constructed in the 1980's, has delighted 1000's of young athletes over the years who love to tell stories of training in the Bubble.

Ortona Gymnastics has had a long history of athletic excellence and community presence due to the skills of talented and dedicated coaches, staff and volunteers who have worked and played at Ortona over the years.

Ortona Gymnastics is one of the partners of the unique GO Centre being built on the University of Alberta grounds. Ortona will spend this last year under the Bubble getting the new and existing coaching staff developing the programs that will lead the Club into the fantastic new and expanded gymnastics facility in the GO Centre this spring. A celebration of the Club and the final days of the bubble are planned for June of 2011 with an Invitational Meet and alumni party to say farewell to the old dome.

For more information about Ortona Gymnastics and the programming options for ages infant to senior please visit the website at [www.OrtonaGymnastics.com](http://www.OrtonaGymnastics.com). To read more information about the new GO Centre please visit [www.GOCentre.com](http://www.GOCentre.com).

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