Next Up For Vancouver Opera's 2025-2026 Season: A Comedic Mozart Masterpiece

Così fan tutte has THREE performances at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver

Saturday, February 7, 7:30PM | Thursday, February 12, 7:30PM | Sunday, February 15, 2:00PM

DECEMBER 1, 2025, VANCOUVER, B.C. / Traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations – Vancouver Opera's 2025-2026 season continues with Mozart's *Così fan tutte* at Queen Elizabeth Theatre for three performances in February. Composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with a libretto by Lorenzo Da Ponte, this beloved *opera buffa* delights with sparkling melodies, playful disguises, and deeper reflections on love, loyalty, and the human heart.

In a comic whirlwind of tender moments and mischievous tricks, two couples are put to the ultimate test of fidelity. The cynical Don Alfonso bets his young friends Ferrando and Guglielmo that their fiancées will betray their trust, so he convinces the men to…lie to their partners to trick them into infidelity! With the help of the chameleonic and cynical-beyond-her-years maid Despina, Dorabella and Fiordiligi are put to the test to see if, as the title suggests, "all women are like that."

"*Così fan tutte* celebrates wit, warmth, and luminous music, and is one of opera's most joyous and emotionally rich works," said Tom Wright, Vancouver Opera General Director. "Mozart understood the human heart in all its contradictions, which is why *Così* continues to resonate so deeply. This opera also has a long history of drawing in both seasoned opera lovers and newcomers. For someone who has never been to an opera before, this is an excellent entry point; for those familiar with Mozart's exquisite score, any chance to hear it again—in person—is utterly irresistible."

Vancouver Opera audiences haven't been treated to Mozart's sublime *opera buffa* classic for over 20 years. Under the direction of Rob Herriot, who is making his Vancouver Opera debut, this fresh interpretation will cast the playful genius of one of opera's most beloved works in a contemporary West Coast Canadian light. Conductor Leslie Dala oversees the VO orchestra, while an all-Canadian cast includes Daniel Okulitch (*Dead Man Walking)* as Don Alfonso, Clarence Frazer (*Flight*) as Guglielmo, Owen McCausland (*Die Fledermaus*) as Ferrando, Jamie Groote (VO debut) as Fiordiligi, Alex Hetherington (*Flight*) as Dorabella, and Tracy Dahl (*The Barber of Seville*) as Despina.

Written late in his short life, *Così* features some of the most beautiful music ever composed—by Mozart or anyone else. His nuanced score adds psychological complexity to the uproarious comedy of librettist Lorenzo Da Ponte (*Don Giovanni*, *Le nozze di Figaro*), making for an irresistible musical ride through every up, down, twist, and turn on the rollercoaster of love.

Tickets are on sale now for *Così fan tutte*. Subscriptions for the 2025-2026 season are still available. For more information and to subscribe, please visit vancouveropera.ca.

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