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A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND MAGIC WITH PINCHGUT OPERA **To celebrate and support the creative development of Cavalli's *L'Ormindo***

On **Wednesday 8 July 2009**, in the beautiful foyers of the Australian Museum, Pinchgut Opera will present a special night of music and magic to support their 2009 production of Cavalli's *L'Ormindo*.

The event will be opened by Her Excellency Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of NSW, a long-time supporter of Pinchgut who describes the innovative and superlative company as "one of the jewels of Sydney".

Pinchgut is renowned for its beautiful productions of rarely performed works. This year's offering from the Italian Baroque period, *L'Ormindo*, is another un-missable gem. Written by Monteverdi protégé Francesco Cavalli – the most famous opera composer of his time – *L'Ormindo* is full of sublime melodies, harmonic invention and delicious humour! With a beautiful young queen, her elderly husband, two lovelorn princes, cross-dressing aides, and of course, a little matter of mistaken identity, the scene is set for a superb night's entertainment.

The fundraising cocktail evening in July will feature one of Australia's renowned singers and regular Pinchgut performer Fiona Campbell, the highly praised chorus Cantillation and members of the Orchestra of the Antipodes in excerpts from Purcell's *King Arthur* conducted by Antony Walker. The Master of Ceremonies will be Guy Noble, with a creative team including director Mark Gaal and lighting designer Bernie Tan-Hayes to add magic to the evening. You will have an opportunity to meet the performers and the team behind Pinchgut, and experience the music close up.

Come along and enjoy this special evening, and help support Pinchgut's presentation of Cavalli's rare opera in December.

A raffle with some fabulous prizes is also on offer, including a private singing lesson with the incomparable Sara Macliver; the ultimate Pinchgut Package (tickets to the opening night of *L'Ormindo* with accommodation at the stunning Radisson Hotel including buffet breakfast); A-Reserve tickets to Opera Australia, Sydney Symphony and Art Gallery Society of NSW performances; and some beautiful artworks, to name a few. Raffle tickets are only \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets and are on sale now to anyone.

Pinchgut's fundraising cocktail evening tickets are now on sale at \$165 per person
To book contact Anna Cerneaz at Pinchgut on 02 9389 8117

Pinchgut Opera fundraising cocktail evening – to support the 2009 production of Cavalli's *L'Ormindo*

When: 7-9pm Wednesday 8 July 2009

Where: Australian Museum, College Street, Sydney

Opened by Her Excellency Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales

Featuring music of Henry Purcell, realised by a Pinchgut creative team

Fiona Campbell *mezzo-soprano*; Cantillation; Antony Walker *conductor* and the Orchestra of the Antipodes

Director: Mark Gaal; Lighting Designer: Bernie Tan-Hayes

Tickets are \$165 per person (\$75 of each fundraising ticket will be tax deductible.)

Raffle tickets will be sold in advance and on the night at \$5 each or 5 for \$20. View all the prizes at

www.pinchgutopera.com.au

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