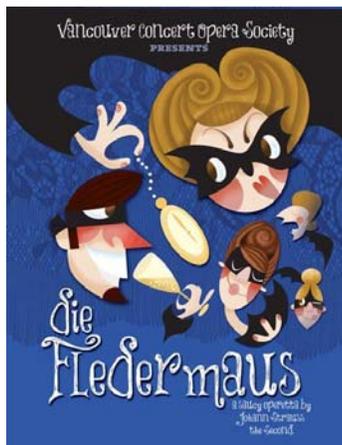


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Vancouver Concert Opera Society presents

Die Fledermaus (In Concert)

An Operetta by **Johann Strauss II**
Libretto by **Karl Haffner** and **Richard Genée**

Conductor/Musical Director **George Hemcher**
In German with English Dialogue

January 4th and 5th, 2013 VANCOUVER
January 6th, 2013 WHITE ROCK

IN BRIEF: Vancouver Concert Opera Society presents **Strauss' Die Fledermaus** at Pyatt Hall in **Vancouver** (834 Seymour St.) on Jan 4 & 5, 2013 at 7:00pm and at First United Church in **White Rock** (15385 Semiahmoo Ave) on Jan 6 @ 7:00pm. "Concert Opera" sung in German with English dialogue. Tickets starting at \$24 can be purchased online at vancoco.ca. **CASH ONLY** at the door.

VANCOUVER, B.C. Bring in the New Year "Viennese Style" with **2012 Ovation Award Winner** Vancouver Concert Opera Society's performances of Johann Strauss II's saucy operetta Die Fledermaus ("The Bat"). With past performances described as **"riveting, passionate, poignant and totally satisfying"** (Opera Canada 2011) VanCOCO has compiled an exciting group of International Artists to bring this holiday favourite to life! Tickets are ON SALE NOW for performances in Vancouver and in White Rock.

Vancouver Concert Opera Society ("VanCOCO") is **"all about the music"**. Now in their 3rd Season, they continues to offer unique in-concert operatic experiences to their audiences, focusing solely on the beauty of the music. After their sold-out performances of Carmen, Fringe hit Trouble in Tahiti, and dramatic presentation of Rigoletto, they are excited to offer audiences a taste of **"the lighter side of opera"**.

Conductor and New York City native, **George Hemcher**, joins this exceptional International Team of Artists that will bring the sparkle and the charm of this holiday favourite to Vancouver audiences. Throw on your tux or your gown, and join the cast of Die Fledermaus to bring in the New Year "Viennese Style"!

The story behind "the bat"... The best of friends play pranks on each other, but when Eisenstein abandons Falke in the middle of the town square dressed as a bat, Falke swears revenge. With Prince Orlofsky's permission the stage is set and Falke has invited everyone to a grand ball at the Princes' summer palace where Falke will once and for all, strike his revenge. Fast forward to the next morning where the entire party finds itself in the town jail and all swear that it was Champagne, the King of effervescence, who is to blame.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.vancoco.ca.

Seating is limited. Advance purchase recommended!