



# Comediants present The Barber of Seville

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Fri, April 17–  
Fri, May 22, 2015

## Venue

Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen St W, Toronto, ON M5H 4G1

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Spanish troupe Comediants presents Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* with Canadian singer Joshua Hopkins as Figaro.

Toronto audiences will discover love has a sense of humour with the COC's new production of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* from the Spanish theatre troupe Els Comediants. The group wowed Toronto when they brought their unbounded vitality to the recent COC presentation of *Cinderella*.

In *The Barber of Seville*, the Spaniards take on Rossini's greatest comedy and their cubist-inspired set plays with scale and proportion, while bursts of day-glo colour and innovative lighting conjure a fantasy world hovering between fairytale and vaudeville. The wily barber Figaro is sung by Canadian Joshua Hopkins (2013's *La Bohème*), *an outstanding young baritone with a virile, vigorous yet velvety sound and an immediately evident dramatic authority (Globe and Mail)*. Count Almaviva, the young suitor that Figaro assists, is American Alek Shrader, noted as *possibly one of the most exciting young tenors on the planet (Seen and Heard International)*. The role of the charming heroine Rosina is shared by two exciting mezzo-sopranos, Italian Serena Malfi and American Cecelia Hall.

## Performances

Friday, April 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 2 pm.

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 2 pm.

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 7:30 pm.



Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Friday, May 15, 2015 at 7:30 pm. \*

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Friday, May 22, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

\* The Ensemble Studio perform Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* on May 15, 2015 at 7:30 pm on the mainstage. This special performance stars Ensemble Studio members with the full COC Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of *Barber of Seville* conductor Rory Macdonald and artistic production team Els Comediants.