

Opera-Lytes



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OPERA-LYTES TO HOST FALL WINE TASTING *Fundraiser for Local Theatre Company*

Opera-Lytes will host its first fundraiser, *A Fall Wine Tasting*, on Friday, October 2, 2009. The fundraiser's theme was inspired by the company's upcoming production of *The Most Happy Fella*, a musical comedy set in a Napa Valley vineyard. *A Fall Wine Tasting* will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott Hotel, 1340 Millersport Highway, Amherst, and will feature wine and food samplings throughout the evening. The event, catered by the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, includes a Chinese Auction and Raffle and musical entertainment by members of Opera-Lytes.

Opera-Lytes is a local theatre company based in Amherst. For 16 years Opera-Lytes has performed in noteworthy Western New York venues including the Lancaster Opera House, Ujima TheaterLoft, and the Alleyway Theatre. Each season, Opera-Lytes presents a vintage Broadway musical, a Christmas concert, a Valentine's Concert, and a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. Opera-Lytes is the only theatre company in Buffalo that performs Gilbert and Sullivan operas on a regular basis.

Proceeds from *A Fall Wine Tasting* will benefit the group and its upcoming production of Frank Loesser's *The Most Happy Fella*, to be staged at the Lancaster Opera House October 16-25. The rarely seen musical by the composer of *Guys and Dolls* will showcase a cast of 35 talented actors and a full orchestra. Popular tunes from the show include "Joey," "Standin' on the Corner," and "Big D (Dallas)." Tickets for the event are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. To purchase advance tickets, call 860-1059, or send an e-mail to operalytes@hotmail.com.