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## **Dining with the Stars Dinner Benefits PAL Vancouver March 23 at Trafalgars Bistro**

***Experience Fidelio, March 20 and Dine with its star Richard Margison, March 23***

VANCOUVER, BC (March 5, 2008) Through the generosity of the Vancouver Opera Association, opera singer Richard Margison and Trafalgars Bistro, two intimate and unforgettable evenings of opera and fine dining under one ticket have been organized as a special benefit for the Performing Arts Lodge (PAL) Vancouver. The two-evening ticket includes the dress rehearsal performance of "Fidelio" at 7 pm on Thursday, March 20 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre and a six-course gourmet dinner with opera star Richard Margison at 6 pm at Trafalgar's Bistro on Sunday, March 23.

One of the most critically acclaimed singers on the international stage today, Canadian tenor Richard Margison has performed in many of the world's leading opera houses including the Metropolitan Opera, the Vienna Staatsoper, the Deutsche Oper Berlin, the San Francisco Opera, the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie in Brussels, Covent Garden, the Sydney Opera and the Netherlands Opera.

### **Experience Fidelio and Dine with its Star**

Select seating at the Vancouver Opera Association's dress rehearsal performance of "Fidelio" starring Richard Margison on Thursday, March 20 is just one of the pleasures planned for guests that evening. Following Fidelio, guests will be invited to Salon A of the QE Theatre for a reception catered by Trafalgars Bistro.

On March 23, the gala dinner *Dining with the Stars, An Evening with Richard Margison* begins with an opening reception followed by a six-course dinner featuring ossobuco ravioli among the starters, oven roasted rack of lamb as the main course, and desserts of lemon mousse cake, chocolate truffles and an artisan cheese bar. Each course will be paired with a premium BC wine.

Tickets to this exclusive once-in-a-lifetime double event are limited. Cost is \$500 per person with a \$400 tax receipt. Tickets are available at **604.255.4312** or [stardiners@shaw.ca](mailto:stardiners@shaw.ca).

### **About PAL**

PAL Vancouver is a B.C. not-for-profit charitable society, created to provide quality affordable housing and support for seniors in the performing arts and allied professions. PAL Vancouver enriches the cultural life of our city by supporting the health, well-being and continued creativity of our performance pioneers.

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