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## **TAPESTRY PRESENTS *THE SHADOW***

TORONTO, Ontario ...The Ernest Balmer Studio, Distillery Historic District. March 23/24/25 at 8pm. A highlight in Tapestry new opera works' 2006-07 season, *The Shadow* will be mounted as a workshop presentation and will feature, in the title role, internationally acclaimed Canadian counter-tenor Daniel Taylor in his contemporary opera debut.

Alex Poch-Goldin (librettist) and Omar Daniel (composer), the creative team behind *The Shadow*, met in 2001 at Tapestry's annual Composer-Librettist Laboratory and subsequently wrote *Lisa* for Tapestry's 2002 instalment of *Opera to Go*. The pair committed themselves to writing a full-length opera – Tapestry nurtured the partnership, with support from the Canadian Opera Creation Program at opera.ca and commissioned the work with funding from the Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts.

Asking the question: "What price would you pay for love?", *The Shadow* is an original tale of intrigue, desire and destruction which tackles a timely issue, the weight of debt on our lives. It also represents the first Tapestry presentation in its new work studio since it was renamed The Ernest Balmer Studio. Mr. Balmer retired as Vice-President of the Tapestry Board of Directors in December 2006 and at that time the company acknowledged his significant support of its ongoing activity and new work development by renaming in his honour the studio in which so much creativity is born and nurtured.

### ***The Shadow***

By Alex Poch-Goldin & Omar Daniel

Director: Tom Diamond

Music Director: Wayne Strongman

Stage Manager: Andrea Schurman

Lighting Designer: Joel Weiss

With: Daniel Taylor, Carla Huhtanen, Alexander Dobson, Keith Klassen, Giles Tomkins & chamber orchestra

**DATES OF RUN:** March 23/24/25 at 8pm

**TICKET PRICES:** \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door / \$5 student tix (w/ valid i.d.) at the door

**VENUE:** The Ernest Balmer Studio, Building 58, in the Distillery Historic District (55 Mill Street)

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