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## Opera Boston Presents Boston Ballet II in New England Premiere of Tippett's *The Midsummer Marriage*

(Boston – August 23, 2011) Opera Boston and Boston Ballet today announced that Opera Boston will present Boston Ballet II, Boston Ballet's second company of dancers, in the New England premiere of Michael Tippett's *The Midsummer Marriage*. A quest opera with mystical and literary overtones, the work features four Ritual Dances that are often excerpted and performed by dance companies. Boston Ballet II dancers will perform in all of the dance ensemble numbers.

The opera will be directed and choreographed by Daniel Pelzig, who served as Resident Choreographer of Boston Ballet from 1995-2002 and who has since built a multifaceted career as a stage director of opera and as a choreographer for opera and theater around the country.

Performances will be held February 24, 26, and 28 at the Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College.

The opera is part of Opera Boston's 2011-12 season, and subscriptions are on sale now. Individual tickets go on sale on September 9 through the Emerson College box office by phone at 617-824-8000 or online at [www.AEStages.org](http://www.AEStages.org).

### About Opera Boston

Opera Boston presents rarely-staged repertory in all-new productions. Founded in 1980, the company has presented more than 70 operas, including 34 regional and two world premieres. Opera Boston's first commissioned opera, *Madame White Snake*, earned the 2011 Pulitzer Prize in Music for composer Zhou Long. In addition to its critically acclaimed, award-winning mainstage productions, Opera Boston offers a range of programs, including a chamber opera festival, a popular cabaret series and an educational program in Boston-area schools. For more information about Opera Boston, visit [www.operaboston.org](http://www.operaboston.org).

### About Boston Ballet II

Boston Ballet II, Boston Ballet's second company, is comprised of young dancers of outstanding ability. Boston Ballet II dancers train in residence with the main company and gain valuable performance opportunities with Boston Ballet and through community performances throughout greater Boston. For more information, visit [www.bostonballet.org/company/dancers/bbII](http://www.bostonballet.org/company/dancers/bbII)