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**CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS PRESENTS
LOVE IN ALL LANGUAGES FEATURING SOPRANO NATALIE LERCH**

SEATTLE, WA – The Cornish Music Series presents Music Department faculty member Natalie Lerch, Soprano, in *Love in All Languages*. Joined by Cornish faculty members Bern Herbolzheimer, Peter Mack and Roger Nelson, *Love in all Languages* explores the numerous themes of love through works by Fauré, Guastavino, Strauss, Vasile, Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky and Grieg. Please note that free parking is available for all Cornish Music Series events.

**Love In All Languages Featuring Soprano Natalie Lerch
presented by the Cornish Music Series**

Thursday, February 14, 8 pm

PONCHO Concert Hall

Tickets: \$15 general, \$7.50 students, alumni, and seniors

Tickets can be purchased through Ticket Window at 206.325.6500, www.ticketwindowonline.com, or in person at Ticket Window's box offices located at Pacific Place, Pike Place Market, Broadway Market and Bellevue's Meydenbauer Center.

BIOGRAPHY

Natalie Lerch

Natalie received her doctorate from the Eastman School of Music in May 2002, focusing on Voice Performance and Literature, with an emphasis in opera direction. She began teaching at Cornish in the fall of 2001 where her classes range from Musical Theatre Workshop, English, Italian, French and German diction for singers and private lessons, as well as vocal coach for *Into the Woods* (2002), and musical direction for *Closer Than Ever* (2003) and *Hansel and Gretel* (2004). Natalie has performed a variety of roles onstage including Mrs. Grose in *The Turn of the Screw*, Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte*, Miss Pinkerton in *The Old Maid and the Thief*, Lenny in *Crimes of the Heart* and Nancy in *Oliver*. She has performed professionally with Columbus Light Opera, Opera!Columbus, The Reality Theatre, the Norman Luboff Touring Choir and Spotlight Dinner Theatre. Master class performances include singing for Renee Fleming, Julianne Baird and Dale Moore. Natalie has sung in Italy (Monteverdi's *Orfeo*) and Brazil (with the Jazz Ensemble at the Federal University in Rio de Janeiro), and hopes to add Scotland and England to her future itinerary. She currently sings in a female vocal quartet called Divalicious, and is planning a return trip to Brazil within the next year. While all these experiences have created an interesting life and career, other life lessons have been learned while working for a State Representative and being a commercial salmon fisherman on Chisik Island, Alaska!

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About Cornish College of the Arts

Cornish College of the Arts, founded by Nellie Cornish in 1914, provides aspiring artists with the educational opportunities to become professionals in their fields. The College offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Art, Dance, Design, Performance Production and Theater, and a Bachelor of Music degree. It is one of three private colleges in the United States focusing on both the performing and visual arts, and the only college of its kind in the Northwest. The College is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

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