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ONE-NIGHT-ONLY

LA Opera Presents

Bryn Terfel in Recitalwith Accompanist **Malcolm Martineau**Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 7:30 PM

(LOS ANGELES, CA) March 28, 2008 – The internationally celebrated Welsh bass-baritone **Bryn Terfel** returns to LA Opera in recital after his triumph in the title role of *Falstaff* in 2005. Accompanied by pianist **Malcolm Martineau**, the recital program will include a generous selection of music including works of John Ireland, Peter Warlock, Frederick Keel, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Roger Quilter, Franz Schubert and Francis Poulenc as well as traditional Celtic ballads.

Bryn Terfel's combination of a matchless voice, captivating charisma, immaculate diction and commanding stage presence has made him one of the greatest artists of our day. He appears regularly with the world's major opera houses and concert halls, including the Metropolitan Opera, La Scala, Vienna, Staatsoper, Covent Garden, Paris Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, San Francisco Opera, and at the Salzburg Festival. His roles include Figaro in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Don Giovanni and Leporello in *Don Giovanni*, Sir John Falstaff in *Falstaff*, Nick Shadow in *The Rake's Progress*, Wolfram in *Tannhäuser*, Balstrode in *Peter Grimes* and the four villains in *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*. In 2007 Bryn added the title role of *Gianni Schicchi* to his repertoire and sang the title role of *Sweeney Todd* as part of the re-opening of the Royal Festival Hall in London. Mr. Terfel studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. In 1989, he won the Lieder Prize at the Cardiff Singer of the World Competition and in 2006 received the Queen's Medal for Music.

The New York Times commented, "He can roar — with pain, with pleasure, with fierce indignation, filling the hall with full, strong tone. But he can also coo and purr at an extreme pianissimo, making a sound that stays audible only because there is so much in it to feel, as well as to hear... He is a great storyteller, and wonderful words, wonderful sounds are his means to make his stories live."

Bryn Terfel in Recital, One-Night-Only performance, Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 7:30 PM will be held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Music Center, 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Tickets range from \$20 to \$100. Tickets can be purchased at the Los Angeles Opera Box Office, by phone (213) 972-8001, Disability access: (213) 972-0777 or online at www.laopera.com.

Duff Murphy will lead the pre-performance lecture.
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