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ARE YOU DYING TO BE ONSTAGE?

Show Vancouver Opera your best operatic death scene
and you could appear in *Roméo et Juliette*

Vancouver, BC ~ Vancouver Opera is searching for a star! VO's **Dying to Be Onstage** contest offers entrants the chance to win a special appearance in Charles Gounod's gorgeous version of Shakespeare's tragic masterpiece, *Roméo et Juliette*, onstage from November 26th – December 3rd at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

The lucky winner of the contest will appear as a supernumerary (extra) in all four performances of *Roméo et Juliette*. No dramatic experience is necessary, just the desire to be onstage in front of an audience of thousands!

To enter, create a video depicting an over-the-top, operatically-dramatic death scene. Post the video to YouTube and send the link to contest@vancouveropera.ca. In consultation with the stage director of VO's production of *Roméo et Juliette*, a shortlist will be determined. The public will be invited to vote on their favourite video.

The contest opens on Monday, October 3, 2011. Links to videos must be submitted to VO by Friday, October 28, 2011. Shortlisted videos will be posted on www.facebook.com/vancouveropera. Voting is open from Tuesday, November 1st to Friday, November 4th, 2011. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, November 8th.

The contest is open to anyone over the age of 18. More details are available at www.facebook.com/vancouveropera. A complete list of rules is available at www.vancouveropera.ca

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