



## WHAT'S THIS? A BIRD CATCHER? WITH A PADLOCK ON HIS MOUTH?

Shoestring Opera's best-loved production, *The Shoestring Magic Flute*, first performed in 2005 and now transformed by the wonders of technology, is coming to the Fringe as part of Kidsfest. Guaranteed to thrill and enchant children and their families, this whimsical adaptation of Mozart's famous opera showcases some of the characters, some of the themes, and all the best music.

One day on her way home from school, Allegra finds a glimmering golden flute in a pile of leaves. She blows on it, and suddenly her street turns into a dark forest. She blows again, and out pops a strange, feathered bird catcher—with a padlock on his mouth! Why has Papageno had a padlock put on his mouth? not once, but three times!! How can Allegra help Papageno learn his three lessons so they can leave the forest and she can get home for her piano lesson at four o'clock? Through the power of music and the magic of make-believe, they embark on an adventure of sharing and self-discovery involving a four-legged, two-winged, fire-breathing dragon, the even scarier Queen of the Night, and other exotic characters! The music is glorious, performed by talented young opera singers, who are also deft and engaging comic actors. *The Shoestring Magic Flute* offers an ideal introduction to the art form that will charm today's kids and provide a memorable experience to share with their parents.

**Shoestring Opera** in association with **The Toronto Fringe Festival** presents

### THE SHOESTRING MAGIC FLUTE

By GREG ROBIC and LAWRENCE COTTON

Music by WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Directed by MOLLY THOM

Starring KATY CLARK as Allegra, and ANTHONY RODRIGUES as Papageno

Piano JIAYIN LIU, Cello ANNE RANKIN

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