



MEDIA CALL

Who: LEIGH WARREN & DANCERS and singers from ADELAIDE VOCAL PROJECT

What: PERFORMANCE EXTRACTS from the brilliant new production **SATYAGRAHA** – presented by Leigh Warren & Dancers, The State Opera of SA and Adelaide Vocal Project.
(PLEASE NOTE: This media call is an opportunity for TV crews & photographers to take advance footage/photographs of the final dress rehearsals for this visually stunning new production. Satyagraha officially opens at the Dunstan Playhouse on Tuesday February 20 – see below for full performance details).

When: Friday, 16 February, 2007

Time: 2.00pm (for vision of dancers & singers – in full costume – in action, on set) Director and choreographer, Leigh Warren will be available for interview – as well as musical director – Tim Sexton, Jo Pike from Adelaide Vocal Project and Stephen Phillips, General Director of State Opera of SA.

Where: The Dunstan Playhouse – Adelaide Festival Centre – King William Rd, Adelaide

Background on Satyagraha:

February sees the Australian premiere in Adelaide of *Satyagraha* – a profound and moving opera inspired by the legendary Indian peacemaker, Mahatma Gandhi and his life-long search for truth through non-violent means.

Presented by Leigh Warren & Dancers, State Opera of South Australia and Adelaide Vocal Project - *Satyagraha* is part of the *Portrait Trilogy* – a trio of operas by renowned American composer Philip Glass, celebrating the life of three historical figures who revolutionised the world through the power and scope of their ideas – Albert Einstein (*Einstein on the Beach*) – the man of science, Mahatma Gandhi (*Satyagraha*) – the man of politics and Akhnaten - the unconventional Egyptian pharaoh and man of religion.

A mystical, magical & revolutionary journey, *Satyagraha* will be sung in Sanskrit with text from the ancient Bhagavad-Gita episode of the Mahabharata – and sees Adam Goodburn – one of Adelaide Vocal Project's acclaimed tenors - in the starring role of Gandhi. The opera's powerful & dramatic musical climaxes, coupled with its sensuous lyricism, ensure it will be an uplifting final instalment to Glass' *Portrait Trilogy*.

A detailed media release will be available at the Media Call from Skye Murtagh.

Satyagraha Performance Details:

When: 7.15pm February 20 - 24, 2007

Where: The Dunstan Playhouse, Adelaide Festival Centre

Tickets: \$48/\$42

Bookings: Book at BASS 131 246 or www.bass.net.au

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