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### **Superstar soprano Karina Gauvin to perform at Laurier Feb. 4**

WATERLOO – Karina Gauvin, a Canadian soprano called “One of the dream sopranos of our time” by *The Globe and Mail*, will perform at Wilfrid Laurier University, accompanied by Faculty of Music Professor Leslie De’Ath on piano.

Gauvin will perform Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in Laurier’s Maureen Forrester Recital Hall.

“It’s a great privilege to work with such a consummate musician,” said De’Ath, who has accompanied Gauvin in the past at a Guelph music festival.

Gauvin will also lead a master class on Feb. 5 from 2-4 p.m. in the recital hall with six Faculty of Music students. Both events are free and open to the public.

Gauvin is an internationally recognized Canadian soprano. She has won two Juno awards, and been nominated for a number of Juno and Grammy Awards. She studied with soprano Marie Daveluy at the Conservatoire de musique du Québec à Montréal.

De’Ath was recently named in a Grammy nomination for a CD featuring conductor and Laurier alumnus Noel Edison and the Elora Festival Singers. De’Ath provided piano accompaniment on two tracks for the CD *Eric Whitacre: Choral Music – little tree and Little Birds*.

The concert and master class are part of the MWM Financial Group Distinguished Artists Series, in co-ordination with the Faculty of Music.

MWM first sponsored the Distinguished Artist Series in 2008. It’s multi-year commitment to Laurier’s Faculty of Music enables world-renowned artists to share their passion for musical excellence through masterclasses and public performances.

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