Ayrshire Opera Experience

Actéon Meets Tam O' Shanter 2015

The Albany

Greenock 7.30pm 25th of April Tickets £12.50 & £10.50(con) www.ticketsource.co.uk/thealbany Box office tel: 01475 866100

The Gaiety Theatre

Ayr 7.30pm 23rd of May Tickets £13.50 / £12.50 (conc) / £10 (full time students) <u>www.ayrgaiety.co.uk</u> Box office tel: 01292 288235

Lamlash Community Theatre

Isle of Arran 2.30pm 30th of May Tickets £12.50 & £10.50 www.ticketsource.co.uk/ayrshireoperaexperience Contact: 07736931731 (Performance supported by CalMac) Ayrshire Opera Experience, in association with the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, present both the first opera translated into Scots Language and a concert of songs and arias featuring works from Burns to Bernstein.

Actéon Meets Tam O' Shanter is a reworking of the chamber opera Actéon by one of the most important French composers of his generation, Marc-Antoine Charpentier. This ground-breaking piece merges Scots Language with French Baroque Opera and Greek mythology, retelling the story of a young hunter, who like Tam O' Shanter stumbles across an illicit vision. Unfortunately Actéon was not as lucky to escape the dark forces, who under many guises punish voyeuristic men.

Burns to Bernstein is a mixture of Opera, Musical Theatre and Burns. The programme will include works by Monteverdi, Handel, Bizet, Bernstein, Noel Coward and Irving Berlin, showcasing the Some of Scotland's rising opera stars, including local singers Aimee Toshney (English National Opera), David Douglas (Les Arts Florissants), Siobhan McAuley (West End Vocal Coach), Alison McNeill (Winner of the Andres Segovia Spanish Song Prize) and Colleen Nicole(Trinity Conservatoire of Music).

