

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## THE ELIXIR OF LOVE

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Image 1: Soprano Sarah Shafer stars as Adina, a schoolteacher, in *The Elixir of Love*.



Image 2: U.S. Army Sergeant Belcore (baritone Craig Verm) has eyes for Adina.



Image 3: Nemorino (tenor Dimitri Pittas) is hopelessly in love with Adina, but she wants him to get over it.



Image 4: Adina (Sarah Shafer) and her friend Giannetta (soprano Katrina Thurman).



Image 5: Belcore (Craig Verm) declares his passion for Adina.



Image 6: Adina (Sarah Shafer) tries to resist the charms of Belcore (Craig Verm).



Image 7: Dulcamara (bass Kevin Burdette) arrives to sell his miracle elixir.



Image 8: Dulcamara (Kevin Burdette) tries to sell his elixir to Nemorino (Dimitri Pittas) without attracting the attention of authorities.



Image 9: Nemorino (Dimitri Pittas) is a poor auto mechanic whose devotion to a red convertible nearly matches his devotion to Adina.



Image 10: Giannetta (Katrina Thurman) is the unfortunate recipient when a tipsy Nemorino (Dimitri Pittas) tries to toss a bucket of water at Belcore.



Image 11: Soprano Sarah Shafer stars as Adina, a schoolteacher, in *The Elixir of Love*.



Image 12: Belcore (Craig Verm) comes on to Giannetta (Katrina Thurman) shortly after Adina accepts his proposal of marriage.



Image 13: Adina (Sarah Shafer) is a reluctant bride on her wedding day to Belcore.



Image 14: Dulcamara (Kevin Burdette) convinces Adina (Sarah Shafer) to sing a duet at the party preceding her wedding to Belcore.



Image 15: Belcore (Craig Verm), Adina (Sarah Shafer) and Giannetta (Katrina Thurman).



Image 16: Adina (Sarah Shafer) calls off her wedding to Belcore and realizes she really loves Nemorino.



Image 17: Nemorino (Dimitri Pittas) enlists in the Army in order to afford more of Dulcamara's Elixir of Love.



Image 18: Adina (Sarah Shafer) buys back Nemorino's enlistment papers.



Image 19: Belcore (Craig Verm) realizes he has lost Adina to Nemorino.



Image 20: Adina (Sarah Shafer) declares her love for Nemorino (Dimitri Pittas).