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Diva Renée Fleming
Metropolitan Opera
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Dear Renée:

Welcome back to the Metropolitan Opera!!! Attached is your traditional magnum of Dom Perignon to welcome you, to provide something with which to celebrate your triumph this evening, and to provide something to which to attach a bouquet-tossing schedule.

Unfortunately, I will have to travel quite a bit on business this fall. And, accordingly, I can only be certain of tossing bouquets for your Desdemona for Opening Night this evening and for your Il Pirata premiere on October 21st (if only because I "will call in dead" before I miss that!!!).

However, please "keep an eye out" for each of your other Pirata's as well. Because I really fell in love with your Pirata at Théâtre du Châtelet on May 13th!!! (Bravissima!!!!!!) So I will do my best to attend all of your other performances as well.

Good luck this evening!!! And good luck with your Piratas!!!

Your Adoring Fan,

John S. Karls

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PS -- I really liked your recital in Salzburg last month!!! Bravissima!!!!!!