



THE ELIXIR OF LOVE NAMES

Names found in Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*.

Adina	A Biblical Hebrew name meaning “delicate, slender, refined or gentle.”
Belcore	Southern Italian: from a short form of the personal names <i>Boncore</i> , literally ‘good heart’, a medieval omen name, or <i>Belcore</i> .
Dulcamara	From late 16th century medieval Latin: <i>dulcis</i> “sweet” + <i>amarus</i> “bitter”
Nemorino	<i>Nemo</i> is a Latin word meaning “no man” or “no one”.
Aristotle	384-322 B.C. Greek philosopher
Tristan	The nephew of the king of Cornwall who (according to legend) fell in love with his uncle's bride (<i>Isolde</i>) after they mistakenly drank a love potion that left them eternally in love with each other.
Isolde	The bride of the king of Cornwall who (according to legend) fell in love with the king's nephew (<i>Tristan</i>) after they mistakenly drank a love potion that left them eternally in love with each other.
Venus	Goddess of love and beauty in Roman mythology, lover of Mars.
Mars	God of war in Roman mythology
Helen	Wife of Menelaus, whose abduction by Paris in Greek mythology causes the Trojan War
Paris	Son of Priam, whose abduction of Helen of Troy in Greek mythology leads to the Trojan War
The Golden Apple	Paris gave the Golden Apple, which was addressed to “the fairest” to the goddess Aphrodite. In return, Aphrodite told Paris he could have the most beautiful woman in the world, Helen of Troy, as his wife, thus setting in motion the events that would lead to the Trojan War.