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## Granite State Opera Receives NH Charitable Foundation Grant

Temple, NH - Lilliane LeBel, President of the Board of Trustees of Granite State Opera, is pleased to announce that Granite State Opera is the recipient of a Strategic Focus Grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, to help fund the position of its first Executive Director. The Grant was made from the following Donor Advised Funds: Burling Family Fund, Charles H. Cummings Fund and the Edith B. & Robert P. Bass Fund.

"We are extremely pleased that the NH Charitable Foundation has chosen Granite State Opera as a grant recipient. The company has done a great deal in five years to create professional opera for audiences in NH, and the addition of John MacLeod as Executive Director is a key factor in our continued growth and ability to touch the lives of more New Hampshire residents in the coming years," said Ms. LeBel.

Mr. MacLeod, whose hiring was recently announced, comes to Granite State Opera with both strong for-profit and non-profit management experience. His for-profit experience includes 10 years in corporate finance in Boston and Portsmouth, as well as major catalogue, retail and real estate development experience.

Tickets for Granite State Opera productions are available at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH, by calling 603-225-1111, or by visiting their Web site at [www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com). Ticket prices range from \$18 to \$58, with special pricing for seniors and students.

If you are interested in learning more about Granite State Opera, call 603-878-0539, or visit the Web site at [www.GraniteStateOpera.org](http://www.GraniteStateOpera.org).

Granite State Opera is devoted to creating opera of the highest artistic quality for the benefit, enrichment and education of its audience in New Hampshire. It is supported in part by the NH Charitable Foundation, NH State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, The Daniels Foundation, The Hoffman Family Foundation, The Penates Foundation, and by its generous sponsors including Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, AutoFair, BAE SYSTEMS, Center of New Hampshire Radisson, Comfort Inn of Concord, Devine, Millimet and Branch, PA, Holiday Inn of Concord, Laconia Savings Bank, Markem Corporation, TF Moran, and Vital & Ryze Advertising Inc.

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