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Granite State Opera's Holiday Event for Children

Temple, NH - Lilliane LeBel, President of the Board of Trustees of Granite State Opera, and Philip Lauriat, Artistic Director, are pleased to announce the success of the company's second annual Holiday Magic Event. This year's event focused on children involved in the Partners in Health Program through Child and Family Services in New Hampshire.

"In addition to providing a festive get together for supporters and friends of Granite State Opera, this year's Holiday Magic event raised money to purchase gifts for chronically and terminally ill children in New Hampshire," stated Ms. LeBel. "Many of these children would otherwise not be able to have these items that bring not only enjoyment but in most cases additional opportunities for learning," she continued. "We have had a successful year, and we wanted to share our success with others less fortunate."

On hand to accept the donations from Granite State Opera was JoAnn Cobb, a Director of Manchester's Child and Family Services. "We would like to thank everyone who donated to this generous cause, and to Granite State Opera for making it possible," stated Ms. Cobb.

Granite State Opera is devoted to creating opera of the highest artistic quality for the benefit, enrichment and education of its audience in the southern NH region. It is supported in part by the 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, Devine, Millimet and Branch, PA, Laconia Savings Bank, Markem Corporation, TF Moran, and Vital & Ryze Advertising Inc.

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.granitestateopera.org. 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