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Granite State Opera Hires John Macleod As Executive Director

Temple, NH - Lilliane LeBel, President of the Board of Trustees of Granite State Opera, announces that the company has hired John MacLeod as its first Executive Director.

"John MacLeod comes to Granite State Opera with both for-profit and non-profit experience that will allow him to understand the company from a non-profit perspective, as well as enable him to handle it with a for-profit management style," said Ms. LeBel. "He will make a huge difference in our growth as an organization and in our ability to reach audiences throughout the state," she continued.

Mr. MacLeod pursued graduate studies in Arts Administration at Southern Methodist University where he also received an MBA in Finance, and holds a BA in Music from Duke University. His arts and administrative background include positions as an Executive Board member of Hoof 'n' Horn at Duke University (with extensive administrative, performing and directing experience), and Playbill Advertising Sales Manager for the Duke University Artists Series that included Jessye Norman and Wynton Marsalis, among others. With a profound passion for education and outreach, Mr. MacLeod is a past member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra Board of Overseers, and is active as a trumpeter with the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra, Port City Brass Quintet and as a freelance artist.

Mr. MacLeod's for-profit management experience includes 10 years in corporate finance in Boston and Portsmouth, as well as major catalogue retail and real estate development experience.

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 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.

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. 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.