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Granite State Opera Receives Matching Grant

Temple, NH - Lilliane LeBel, President of the Board of Trustees of Granite State Opera, and Philip Lauriat, Artistic Director, are pleased to announce that the six-year old company has received a matching grant in the amount of \$50,000 for development of the company and the hiring of its first Executive Director.

"This grant is a reflection of the increasing quality of the opera we create here in New Hampshire. This is a significant step forward for us, and will enable us to continue expanding our reach to audiences throughout the state," stated Ms. LeBel.

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.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.