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Granite State Opera Announces Metropolitan Opera Gala

Temple, NH - Granite State Opera, under the direction of Artistic Director Philip Lauriat, announced today details of the company's upcoming Opera Gala.

The Opera Gala will take place on Friday, September 30 at 8:00PM at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord. The four singers participating in the Opera Gala are finalists in the Metropolitan Opera's National Council Competition, and they will sing with the Granite State Opera Orchestra under the direction of Artistic Director Philip Lauriat.

The singers for this spectacular event include Leslie Ann Bradley, soprano, Stephanie Chigas, mezzo-soprano, Rodell Aure Rosel, tenor and Winner of the 2005 Metropolitan Opera National Council Competition, and Charles Temkey, bass. These singers will perform arias, duets and quartets from various operas including Samson and Delilah, Lakme, La Traviata, and Cosi fan tutte.

In this special one-evening affair, there will also be a reception following the concert where audience members may meet the singers.

Tickets for this are available at the Capitol Center for the Arts by calling 603-225-1111, or by visiting their Web site at www.ccanh.com. Ticket prices range from \$18 to \$38, with special pricing for seniors and students.

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. If you are interested in learning more about Granite State Opera, call 603-878-0539, or visit the Web site at www.GraniteStateOpera.org.