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Granite State Opera Announces Mozart's *Le Nozze Di Figaro*

Temple, NH - Granite State Opera, under the direction of Artistic Director Philip Lauriat, announced today details of the company's upcoming production of Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*.

Performances of this new creation of Mozart's perfect opera will be held at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH, on Friday, November 19 at 8:00PM and Sunday, November 21 at 2:00PM. Both performances will be sung in Italian with English text projected above the stage

As the curtain opens, the Count has set his wandering eye on Susanna, Figaro's own bride-to be! On their madcap wedding day, Figaro and Susanna must thwart the advances of the Count toward Susanna, save Figaro from Bartolo's vengeful plot to marry him off to his housekeeper Marcellina, and salvage the rocky marriage of the Count and Countess, all the while contending with the complicated misadventures of the amorous young page Cherubino.

In this tale of mistaken identities, disguises, deceptions, double crosses and blunders, total and delightful confusion reigns, set against a musical tapestry that reflects Mozart's artistic genius at its most magnificent.

The role of the Countess will be sung by Theresa Cincione, Metropolitan Opera soprano who sang Pamina in last season's *The Magic Flute*. The Count will be sung by David Kravitz, a Granite State Opera favorite since the first production, and GSO veteran Janice Edwards will be Marcellina. Heather Parker, Seattle Opera, will perform Susannah, and David Cushing, Boston Lyric Opera, will be Figaro.

Sharon Daniels, famed New York City Opera soprano who graced many of the world's opera stages during her singing career, is the Stage Director. Ms. Daniels, who runs the Boston University Opera program, has staged operas for Boston Lyric Opera and Kansas City Opera, among others.

Artistic Director Philip Lauriat will conduct the Granite State Opera Orchestra.

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 \$58, with special pricing for seniors and students.

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