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## Granite State Opera Offers Law Enforcement Community Chance to See NYPD Colleague in NE Operatic Debut - FREE!

Temple and Portsmouth, NH - Granite State Opera is putting out an APB (All Police Bulletin) to the local law enforcement community. They want police officers and staff to have a chance to see the passionate pairing of Cavalleria Rusticana and I Pagliacci, FREE. The two one-act operas, performances of which run the weekend of May 10-13, feature some of opera's most recognizable music. But I Pagliacci in particular features something else; one of their former NYPD brethren, in his New England operatic debut.



Above: Daniel Rodriguez in I Pagliacci (Courtesy of Chelsea Opera)  
Below: Daniel Rodriguez (NYPD, retired)



Daniel Rodriguez (known to millions of Americans since 9/11 as the "Singing Policeman") will sing the lead role of Canio, made famous by such immortals as Enrico Caruso (in the first ever opera broadcast by radio) and Placido Domingo, Mr. Rodriguez's mentor. "His aria at the end of part one of I Pagliacci is instantly recognizable from tragic scenes in everything from mob movies, to Saturday morning cartoons to a Volkswagen Jetta commercial," says Granite State Opera Executive Director, John MacLeod.

"We thought maybe this was a nice opportunity; a way for Granite State Opera to offer something back to the men and women who work hard, and often risk their lives to keep us all safe each day," MacLeod continued. "So while tickets for the public performances are selling out quickly, we thought we'd open up a private, full dress rehearsal on Tuesday night to all law enforcement officers and staff within reach of area papers, and through the NH Assn. of Chiefs of Police. Maine and Mass members are welcome, too!"

The full orchestra dress rehearsal for Cavalleria Rusticana and I Pagliacci will take place Tuesday night, May 8th at The Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH, at 7 p.m. Interested members of law enforcement are asked to RSVP by calling 603-436-8GSO (8476) or e-mailing [info@granitestateopera.org](mailto:info@granitestateopera.org), as Granite State Opera and The Music Hall will have to plan staffing resources.

Public performances of Cavalleria Rusticana and I Pagliacci will take place at 8 p.m. on May 10th at The Music Hall in Portsmouth ([www.themusichall.org](http://www.themusichall.org) or 603-436-2400) and at 2 p.m., May 13th at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord ([www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com) or 603-225-1111). Tickets are \$19-\$72 with group, senior and student discounts available.

Persons interested in learning more about Granite State Opera are invited to, call 603-436-8GSO (8476), or visit [www.GraniteStateOpera.org](http://www.GraniteStateOpera.org).