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Patricia Racette Program with Granite State Opera Announced

Temple, NH -- Philip Lauriat, Artistic Director of Granite State Opera, announced today the long-awaited program that Metropolitan Opera star Ms. Patricia Racette will perform with the Granite State Opera Orchestra on Friday, April 30, 2004 at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester, NH.

Included in Ms. Racette's program for April 30 with the Granite State Opera Orchestra will be:

- Ah! je ris from Gounod's Faust
- The Letter Scene from Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin
- Knoxville, Summer of 1915 by Barber
- Arias from La Wally, La Boheme, and Madama Butterfly

The Granite State Opera Orchestra will also perform the Overture to La Forza del Destino (Verdi) among other pieces.

This concert is Ms. Racette's first concert in New Hampshire since her rise to stardom. A Bedford, NH native and West High School graduate, Ms. Racette is now one of the top sopranos at the Metropolitan Opera and around the world, in roles such as Mimí in La Bohème, Liu in Turandot and Violetta in La Traviata, and she has sung with both Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti.

Tickets for this spectacular one-performance only concert 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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