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OPERA PROFESSIONALS JOIN FORCES IN KC TO PRESENT WORKSHOP

KANSAS CITY, MO. (September 15, 2009) Lyric Opera of Kansas City is partnering with OPERA America, the national service organization for the field of opera, to present a workshop for singers entitled Strategies for Building a Successful Career. Professional singers, agents and arts administrators from across the nation will present at the day-long event.

The workshop provides singers with a unique opportunity to hear practical career advice from experts in the field, including Alexandra Bacon from Herbert Barrett Management; Ann Baltz from OperaWorks; Michael Egel from Des Moines Metro Opera; Andrew Gangestad a professional opera singer; Ward Holmquist, Artistic Director of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City; Marie Allyn King from Wichita State University; Evan R. Luskin, General Director of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City and John Wehrle from Opera Omaha.

“We are excited to host this workshop which is designed to empower young singers to professionally market themselves in the world of professional opera. We are bringing in some of the best in the business for the workshop,” reflects Evan R. Luskin, General Director of Lyric Opera of Kansas City.

“As the national service organization for opera, OPERA America is committed to providing services for opera artists across the country,” stated Marc A. Scorca, president and CEO. “OPERA America is delighted to partner with Lyric Opera of Kansas City, a company that shares our commitment to fostering the identification and development of aspiring singers. Kansas City is home not only to this strong regional opera company, but also to many fine voice programs in the metropolitan and surrounding areas, making the city a natural choice for the workshop partnership.”



Students and professionals are invited to attend the workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Lyric Opera of Kansas City rehearsal and production facility at 712 E. 18th Street in Kansas City, Missouri. Visit www.operaamerica.org/workshops to register.

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City is in the Company's 52nd season and will present 4 operas in the 2009-2010 season: *Tosca*, September 11-19, 2009, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, November 6-14, 2009, *Rigoletto*, March 20-28, 2010 and *Don Giovanni*, April 24-May 2, 2008. To purchase tickets, visit www.kcopera.org, or call the ticket office at (816) 471-7344 or 1-877-OPERA KC.

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City is a member of OPERA America, and this season is made possible with funding from the Missouri Arts Council, the ArtsKC Fund and Neighborhood Tourism Development Fund.

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