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LYRIC OPERA ANNOUNCES CHALLENGE GRANT:

Patrons encouraged to donate before the end of the fiscal year

KANSAS CITY, MO. (May 18, 2010) –The Lyric Opera of Kansas City is happy to announce that an anonymous donor has offered a challenge grant to match dollar-for-dollar any gift made to the Company through June 30, 2010. Donors can double the financial impact of their contributions and help the Lyric Opera bolster its firm financial standing by participating in the challenge grant.

“This is an exciting way for contributors to make their donations impact the Company in a big way,” stated Lyric Opera General Director Evan Luskin. “I am grateful to the generous donor who made this matching campaign possible.”

All contributions received before June 30, 2010 will be matched by the challenge grant. To participate in the matching challenge grant donors can donate online at www.kcopera.org or mail their contribution to Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Attn: Development Department, 1029 Central, Kansas City, MO 64105.

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City will begin the Company’s 53rd season this fall and will present 4 operas during the 2010-2011 season: *Carmen*, September 25, 29 and Oct 1, 3, 2010, *Norma*, November 6, 10, 12, 14, 2010, *The Daughter of the Regiment*, February 19, 23, 25, 27, 2011 and *The Marriage of Figaro*, April 9, 13, 15, 17, 2011. To purchase tickets, visit www.kcopera.org, or call the ticket office at (816) 471-7344 or 1-877-OPERA KC.



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