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Opera New Jersey and PHS Foundation announce Spring ENCORE Opera!

PRINCETON, NJ – Join New Jersey's premiere opera company, **Opera New Jersey (OperaNJ)**, for free opera performances at PHS Senior Living Centers throughout the state.

OperaNJ once again partners with **PHS Senior Living Foundation** with a return to Meadow Lakes in East Windsor at 1:30pm on March 29, Monroe Village in Monroe at 7:30pm on April 5, Navesink in Redbank at 3:00pm on April 6, Crestwood in Whiting at 7:00pm on April 9 and Stonebridge in Montgomery at 7:30 on April 12.

"After a string of wonderful fall concerts and a remarkable two week residency of *Rigoletto* with international singers at Meadow Lakes, we are elated to bring opera once again to those who may not otherwise be able to travel to our performances," stated General Artistic Director, Scott Altman.

OperaNJ performs selected opera highlights and lighter musical theater in a friendly and interactive style that treats audience to some of the most famous and well loved melodies.

All ENCORE Opera performances are in partnership with and generously underwritten by the PHS Senior Living Foundation and are free and open to the public. For further information, please visit www.Opera-NJ.org or call 609-799-7700.

About Opera New Jersey

Opera New Jersey (OperaNJ, formerly New Jersey Opera Theater) is earning national recognition as a leader among regional opera companies, providing high quality opera performances, exceptional educational offerings and related activities. OperaNJ seeks to stimulate, promote and satisfy interest in opera, build a strong and diverse audience base for the art form and foster the development of emerging artists. **Opera New Jersey** recently received its second straight prestigious Citation of Excellence from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA). The Citation is NJSCA's highest honor and recognizes arts organizations that "exhibit the highest standards of excellence in artistry, operations, governance, public benefit and fulfillment of areas of Council priority." OperaNJ received its first citation in 2006, during their first year of eligibility. OperaNJ's season is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



About the PHS Senior Living Foundation

The PHS Senior Living Foundation is the philanthropic arm of PHS Senior Living (www.phsseniorliving.org). The Foundation is one New Jersey's largest funders of programs dedicated to making a difference in the lives of older adults and their families. In celebration of 90 years of providing quality and innovative programming, the PHS Senior Living Foundation marked this milestone in 2006 with the introduction of an arts and culture initiative called ENCORE. Funded in part by the PHS Senior Living Foundation, individuals and corporate sponsors, ENCORE engages leading arts and cultural partners to develop arts and cultural programs that overcome transportation issues, address venue accessibility, provide convenient or preferred seating and improve the affordability of admission.

Photo: Eric Dubin, baritone. (Courtesy of the Academy of Vocal Arts, Philadelphia)

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