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NJOpera Announces Auditions for Child Supernumeraries

PRINCETON, NJ – **New Jersey Opera** is looking for 9 children to take part in their July 2007 production of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* (*The Magic Flute*). The children will be supernumeraries, performing "walk-on" non-singing roles in the production.

NJOpera is looking for children to fill the following roles: "Priests-in-training" (**3 boys, ages 10-15**), "Ladies-in-training" (**2 girls, ages 10-15**) and Animal Characters (**4 boys or girls, 5'2" to 5'7"**).

The auditions will take place on Sunday, April 29 from 10am to noon at Princeton Ballet (sign-in begins at 9:30am) at Princeton Ballet School, located at 301 North Harrison Street in Princeton (above McCaffrey's). There is no audition fee.



NJOpera's rehearsal period runs from June 16 to July 13, 2007. Children will be needed intermittently for rehearsals; some rehearsals may be during the day. A tentative rehearsal schedule will be distributed at auditions. Children should come to auditions prepared with their schedule of availability for the rehearsal period.

Performances of *Die Zauberflöte* will occur on Wednesday, July 11 at 1pm (Final Dress rehearsal); Friday, July 13 at 8pm; Sunday, July 15 at 2pm; Saturday, July 21 at 8pm and Saturday, July 28 at 1pm.

For the 2007 Summer Season, **NJOpera** will perform in Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*, Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette* and Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Tickets are on sale now through the McCarter Theatre Ticket Office at 609-258-2787. More information on the Summer 2007 season may be obtained at www.NJOT.org.

About New Jersey Opera

New Jersey Opera (NJOpera) is earning national recognition as a leader among regional opera companies, providing high quality opera performances, exceptional educational offerings and related activities. NJOT 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. In 2006, during its first year of eligibility, **New Jersey Opera** received the 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."



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Photos: children supernumeraries from NJOpera's 2006 Summer Season. Credit: Jeff Reeder.