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Love is in the Air for New Jersey Opera's 2007 Summer Season

PRINCETON, NJ – Following up on the tremendous success of their star-studded production of Puccini's *Turandot* in March, **New Jersey Opera** prepares to present their sensational **2007 Summer Season**. From the merry high jinks of spirited love play to the inner sancta of sacred love, **New Jersey Opera's Summer Season 2007** will serve up some of opera and operetta's most lovely treats. The season features fully professional casts consisting of singers who have performed throughout the country and the world, including New York City Opera, Washington National Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Arizona Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Florida Grand Opera, Dallas Opera and Prague State Opera. The path to true love runs from Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 29 with three new productions. The opera series includes 4 performances of Mozart's delightful *Die Zauberflöte* (*The Magic Flute*), four performances of the merry sparring of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* and three performances of the most famous of all tales of love and woe, *Roméo et Juliette* by Charles Gounod. All operas will be performed on the Berlind stage of Princeton's famed McCarter Theatre.



Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* will be conducted by Brent McMunn with stage direction by **New Jersey Opera's** Artistic Director Scott Altman. James Caraher will take the podium for *The Pirates of Penzance*, which will be directed by NJOpera veteran Michael Scarola. Steven Mosteller, Music Director of **New Jersey Opera**, will conduct *Roméo et Juliette* staged by Marc Verzatt.



The three operas grace a Summer Season of incomparable variety. As in past seasons, **New Jersey Opera's Summer Season** will also include concerts of operatic scenes at the Berlind featuring portions of such operas as *La Bohème* (Puccini), *Lucia di Lammermoor* (Donizetti), *Ariadne auf Naxos* (Strauss), *Don Giovanni* (Mozart) and *Les contes d'Hoffmann* (Offenbach). In addition there are several free musical theater concerts and preview concerts, all featuring **New Jersey Opera** artists and participants from several countries.

NJOpera's adult education series continues with an invitation to attend the free masterclass series led by opera luminaries throughout the Summer Season. Additionally, **New Jersey Opera** will present free pre-performance lectures at 7:15pm on opening nights of *The Magic Flute* (July 13), *The Pirates of Penzance* (July 14) and *Roméo et Juliette* (July 21). No reservations are required either for the masterclasses or the pre-performance lectures.

A special event within the Summer Season is the week long **Kids' Day Camp**, which tops **New Jersey Opera's** continuing commitment to opera and musical education throughout the state. Under

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the supervision of **NJOpera's** Director of Education, students will learn about the different jobs of producing an opera will also work together with the facilitators to create their own original mini-operas which will be performed for the parents on the final day. Due to overwhelming demand, the Kids' Day Camp has sold out for 2007.

Other kid-friendly events include Family Matinee Pre-performance Workshops designed by **New Jersey Opera's** Director of Education featuring performers from the summer season. The workshops take place on Saturday July 21 & 28 at 11am at the Berlind Theatre.

Ticket Information: Ticket prices for the three Summer Season operas at the Berlind are \$52, \$55 and \$59. The Scenes Concerts tickets are \$20 and \$25. Tickets for the Family Matinee Pre-performance Workshops are \$10 (parents) and \$5 (children) per workshop. Tickets for all these events may be purchased through the McCarter Theatre Ticket Office:

91 University Place
Princeton, NJ 08540
Ticket Office: (609) 258-2787
Subscriptions: (609) 258-5050
Group Sales: (609) 258-6526
www.mccarter.org

Further information on all Summer Season events can be found 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. NJOpera 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."

New Jersey Opera – Summer Season 2007 – Event Listing

OPERAS

Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)

Friday, July 13, 8pm (Free Pre-performance lecture at 7:15pm)

Sunday, July 15, 2pm

Saturday, July 21, 8pm

Saturday, July 28, 1pm

McCarter's Berlind Theatre

\$52-\$59

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The Pirates of Penzance

Saturday, July 14, 8pm (Free Pre-performance lecture at 7:15pm)

Saturday, July 21, 1pm

Friday, July 27, 8pm

Sunday, July 29, 2pm

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Roméo et Juliette

Friday, July 20, 8pm (Free Pre-performance lecture at 7:15pm)
Sunday, July 22, 2pm
Saturday, July 28, 8pm
McCarter's Berlind Theatre
\$52-\$59
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CONCERTS

Summer Preview Concert

Friday, June 22, 7pm
Princeton Public Library
FREE
Contact NJOpera: 609-799-7700
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Summer Preview Concert

Saturday, June 23, 7:30pm
Nassau Park Pavilion, West Windsor
FREE
Contact NJOpera: 609-799-7700
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Musical Theater Concerts

Friday, June 29, 7:30pm
Saturday, June 30, 2pm
Palmer Square, Princeton
FREE
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Opera Scenes Concert: *Divas on Parade*

Tuesday, July 17, 7:30pm
McCarter's Berlind Theatre
\$20-\$25
McCarter Ticket Office: 609-258-2787
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Opera Scenes Concert: *Mischief, Merriment & Mayhem*

Tuesday, July 24, 7:30pm
McCarter's Berlind Theatre
\$20-\$25
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MASTERCLASSES

Masterclass: Sharon Sweet, Presenter

Wednesday-Saturday, June 6-9, 2pm
Woolworth Music Building, Princeton University
FREE

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Masterclass: Thomas Bagwell, Presenter

Thursday, June 14, 2pm
Woolworth Music Building, Princeton University
FREE

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Masterclass: Bruce Norris, Presenter

Thursday, July 19, 2pm
McCarter Theater
FREE

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Masterclass: Jim Caraher, Presenter

Friday, July 20, 2pm
McCarter Theater
FREE

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Masterclass: Ana De Archuleta, Presenter

Tuesday, July 24, 2pm
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Masterclass: Presenter TBD

Wednesday, July 25, 2pm
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FREE

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Masterclass: Scott Altman, Presenter

Thursday, July 26, 2pm
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Masterclass: Brent McMunn, Presenter

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Friday, July 27, 2pm

McCarter Theater

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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Kids' Camp

Monday-Friday, July 9-13, 9am-4pm

McCarter Theatre

\$300 (Sold Out)

Contact NJOpera: 609-799-7700

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Family Matinee Workshop

Saturday, July 21, 11am

Saturday, July 28, 11am

McCarter Theatre

\$10 (adults) and \$5 (children)

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Photos: Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi* and Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*, Summer 2006. Credit: Jeff Reeder for NJOpera.