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**AT&T SUPPORTS YOUNG OPERA SINGERS**

**Saratoga Springs, NY (January 10, 2012)** Opera Saratoga recently received a donation of \$10,000 from AT&T to support its 2012 Young Artist Program.

The Company's Young Artist Program consists of both Apprentice and Studio Artists, two groups which play important roles in the company's annual summer season. Apprentice Artists are featured in concert and outreach performances, sing supporting roles and chorus in mainstage repertoire, and participate in masterclasses. Studio Artists receive class training, sing chorus in mainstage repertoire, and prepare other outreach or recital programs. A small number of singers are admitted each year, allowing considerable individual opportunity and attention for each singer.

Young Artists come to Saratoga in early June from around the world to join the Company for a month of extensive musical and dramatic training, experience and mentoring before debuting during its summer season (July 6–15, 2012). This year's fifteen young singers have strong operatic backgrounds, having previously performed with such companies as Sarasota Opera, Utah Opera, Fort Worth Opera and Santa Fe Opera; and having studied at fine music institutions including the San Francisco Conservatory, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Manhattan School of Music and Paris Conservatory.

This is the second year that AT&T has supported Opera Saratoga at the \$10,000 level. AT&T contributes well over \$100 million each year through corporate, employee and AT&T Foundation giving programs to advance education, strengthen communities and improve lives throughout the United States and beyond.

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