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OPERA SARATOGA: NEW YEAR, NEW STAFF, NEW OFFICE

Saratoga Springs, NY (January 20, 2012) Opera Saratoga begins the new year with a restructured staff and new office location.

The company, which formerly had three full-time director positions, is now operating under two directors and two managers. **Curtis Tucker**, who started with Opera Saratoga in 2005 as the company's General Director, returns to this position after serving for four years as Artistic Director. Remaining as Director of Administration & Finance is **Patty Finnerty**, who has been with the company for 15 years. The two managers are both former interns for the company. Before coming to Opera Saratoga, Development Manager **Christopher Patregnani** spent two years with the Empire State Youth Orchestra as a Development & Marketing Assistant. During that time, the Clifton Park native also earned an Advanced Certificate in Not-for-Profit Management at the College of St. Rose and was elected to serve on the board of the Friends of Opera Saratoga. New Marketing Manager **Heather Osowiecki** just finished three Bachelor of Music degrees at the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, NY. Osowiecki formerly served as a marketing intern for the Community Performance Series in Potsdam, NY and as an independent marketing consultant for Upper Hudson Musical Arts, Inc. in her hometown of North Creek, NY before spending the past two summers interning with Opera Saratoga. **Deborah Rocco** remains the company's part-time Director of Education.

Along with new staff came a change of scenery. On December 28, 2011, Opera Saratoga packed up its Broadway office of more than a decade and moved to a suite in the Parks Administration building of the Saratoga Spa State Park. It's no coincidence that this is the very building that houses the Spa Little Theater, the company's summer home. In fact, the upper level of the theater lobby connects directly to Opera Saratoga's office. "It's an ideal location," says Tucker. "It better links the business and artistic sides of our company, and more strongly establishes this beautiful park setting as the place for the performing arts in Saratoga."

Early bird subscriptions and group sales are now available for Opera Saratoga's 51st summer season, which will feature Verdi's "Rigoletto," Schuman's "The Mighty Casey," and a double bill of operetta: Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial By Jury" and Offenbach's "Le 66." Call or go online now to get the best seats at a discounted rate. Single tickets will go on sale at the beginning of March. For additional information or to place a subscription or group order, call Opera Saratoga at 518-584-6018 or visit <http://operasaratoga.org>.

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