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50 Years and Counting! LGOpera at Saratoga begins to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Saratoga Springs, NY (October 18, 2010) – On Saturday, November 6th, The Friends of Lake George Opera at Saratoga are sponsoring the first event in a number of celebrations commemorating the Opera's 50th anniversary.

2011 will mark the 50th anniversary of Lake George Opera at Saratoga. In addition to the Opera's mainstage summer season, a number of unique events are planned to commemorate the Company's 50th anniversary and its rich history.

The inaugural event will be a lunch sponsored by the Friends of Lake George Opera, followed by presentations on the history of the Opera. The first presentation "Reflections of an opera brat," by David Thomas (Tom) Lloyd, son of former Lake George Opera Festival General Director David Lloyd, gives a colorful recounting of the struggles, incidents, episodes and anecdotes that marked the first 25 year history of this world-renowned festival. Tom served as the Company's Artistic Director from 1976 through 1980, and credits his father, tenor David Lloyd, as the inspiration and motivation behind the festival's growth from regional to internationally acclaimed haven for young American talent, American repertoire, and opera in English. Note: some racy/dicey material is included, a warning for delicate ears!

The second presentation of the program featuring Robert Miller, Chairman of the Lake George Opera at Saratoga Board, will pick up where Tom Lloyd leaves off and concentrates on the latter years to the present. Miller has been involved with the Opera for over 25 years.

This distinctive program will take place on **Saturday, November 6th** at the Van Patten Golf Course in Clifton Park. **Lunch begins at 1:00pm with the presentations immediately following. The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations can be made by sending your check to:**

Robert DeSio
25 Collins Terrace
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

For additional information about the Opera's 50th Anniversary season featuring *Die Fledermaus*, *Così fan tutte* and a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Concert, call the Opera office or visit the website at www.lakegeorgeopera.org.