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Central Library Hosts Free Presentations on San Diego Opera's 2009 Season *Opera Insights Series Features Lecturer Dr. Ron Shaheen*

SAN DIEGO – Free preview presentations about the five productions in San Diego Opera's 2009 season will be hosted at Central Library by the City of San Diego Public Library, as part of the Opera Insights Series offered by San Diego Opera. The series prepares operagoers with enjoyable, informative, and engaging sessions that integrate historical and cultural background, music analysis, plot synopsis, and CD and DVD selections. The lectures will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Presentations will be delivered by Dr. Ron Shaheen, staff lecturer for the San Diego Opera and an adjunct assistant professor with a specialization in vocal music at the University of San Diego.

The lecture schedule is as follows:

Tosca (Puccini)
Wednesday, January 21, 5:30 p.m.

Don Quixote (Massenet)
Wednesday, February 11, 5:30 p.m.

Rigoletto (Verdi)
Wednesday, March 25, 5:30 p.m.

Peter Grimes (Britten)
Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 p.m.

Madama Butterfly (Puccini)
Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.

For more information about the presentations, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library's Web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org. For more information about the productions and other San Diego Opera outreach activities, visit the San Diego Opera's Web site at www.sdopera.com.

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