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Central Library Hosts Free Presentations on San Diego Opera's 2012 Season *Opera Insights Series Features Lecturer Dr. Ron Shaheen*

SAN DIEGO – Free preview presentations about the four productions in San Diego Opera's 2012 season will be hosted at Central Library by the City of San Diego Public Library, as part of the Library's Opera Insights Series. 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 Tuesdays at 2:00 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, an adjunct assistant professor with a specialization in vocal music at the University of San Diego, and a former staff lecturer with San Diego Opera.

The lecture schedule is as follows:

Salome (Richard Strauss)
Tuesday, January 24, 2:00 p.m.

Moby-Dick (Jake Heggie)
Tuesday, February 14, 2:00 p.m.

Don Pasquale (Gaetano Donizetti)
Tuesday, March 6, 2:00 p.m.

The Barber of Seville (Gioacchino Rossini)
Tuesday, April 17, 2:00 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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