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Central Library Hosts Free Presentations on San Diego Opera's 2014 Season *Opera Insights Series Features Lecturer Dr. Ron Shaheen*

SAN DIEGO – Free preview presentations about the four productions in San Diego Opera's 2014 season will be hosted at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common 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 Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium, located at 330 Park Boulevard, in downtown San Diego near Petco Park. 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 schedule is:

Pagliacci (Ruggero Leoncavallo)

Thursday, January 23, 3:00 p.m.

The Elixir of Love (Gaetano Donizetti)

Thursday, February 13, 3:00 p.m.

A Masked Ball (Giuseppe Verdi)

Thursday, February 27, 3:00 p.m.

Don Quixote (Jules Massenet)

Thursday, April 3, 3:00 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 website at www.sdopera.com.

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