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SACRAMENTO OPERA ANNOUNCES ITS 2008-2009 SEASON BOARD OFFICERS

(Sacramento, CA 9/5/08) **Sacramento Opera proudly announces its Board Officers for the 2008-2009 Season. Michael E. Chase, an attorney at Boutin Gibson DiGiusto Hodell Inc., is President; Joe Hartzog, a retired physician, is Vice-President; Sue Huscroft, senior financial analyst at Hewlett-Packard Company is Treasurer; and Sue Miller, a consultant for Daniel C. Smith and Associates, is Secretary.**

Michael E. Chase is an attorney focusing on litigation in business, real estate, and intellectual property disputes. Mr. Chase was born and raised in Rochester, New York. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Cornell University. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, with magna cum laude honors. Mr. Chase served as an editor of the Buffalo Law Review while attending law school. After graduation from law school, Mr. Chase worked for two years as a judicial law clerk for Senior United States District Court Judge John T. Elfvin in Buffalo, and then served an additional two years as law clerk to the Honorable Garland E. Burrell, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California in Sacramento. **Since 2001, Mr. Chase has practiced with the law firm of Boutin Gibson DiGiusto Hodell Inc.** Joining the Sacramento Opera Company Board of Directors in 2002, Mike has served on the Executive Committee, as Chair of the Planned Giving Committee, and on other committees. Mr. Chase lives in Davis, California, with his wife Daniela and their daughter, Amelia. Amelia, age 3, has already announced that she hopes someday to sing opera onstage, much to her parents' delight.

Joe Hartzog is a retired physician who practiced Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Sacramento for 28 years. He grew up and was educated in Oklahoma. He and his wife, Dee, a retired attorney, have

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two children and three grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Hartzog have been involved in diverse community nonprofit activities. They are avid opera buffs attending some 20 to 30 operas a year throughout the country and internationally. He has served on the board of the San Francisco Opera. Currently, Mr. and Mrs. Hartzog serve on the Mondavi Center board at UC Davis and Mr. Hartzog serves on the Dean of the College of Biological Science advisory committee.

Sue Huscroft has an MBA degree from UC Davis, as well as degrees in Environmental Science from UC Berkeley and the University of Virginia. She has worked as a **senior financial analyst at the Hewlett-Packard Company** for the past twelve years, preceded by ten years with the California Air Resources Board. Ms. Huscroft's community service activities have included assisting Yolo County animal services, supporting the Davis public library, and serving on the board of the Yolo Literacy Council. She was also a charter member of the Davis Natural Resources Commission. Ms. Huscroft lives with her husband in Davis.

Sue Miller has been a Sacramento Opera Board member since 1999, Secretary since 2005, and chair of the Strategic Planning and Education/Outreach Committees. She has also been involved with the American Association of University Women, both at the state level and as past President of the Roseville-South Placer branch. Mrs. Miller is Music Director and Organist at the Sierra Arden United Church of Christ in Sacramento and an accompanist with local choral groups. She is currently a consultant with Daniel C. Smith and Associates (DSA), a facility master planning firm.

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The mission of the Sacramento Opera is to produce outstanding opera, to develop and cultivate a wider public interest in opera and its allied arts, and to further music education in the region.

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