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OPERA INTERLUDES AT BORDERS BOOKS & MUSIC SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 AT 7 PM

(Sacramento, CA 8/22/08) **Sacramento Opera presents Opera Interludes at Borders Books & Music, Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 7 pm, 2339 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95825.** This free, informal gathering features a live performance by soprano Robin Fisher. Ms. Fisher will sing excerpts from the Sacramento Opera's 2008-2009 Season productions, including, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, and *La Bohème*. Sacramento Opera Executive Director, Rod Gideons, will provide commentary and highlights of the Sacramento Opera's new season. Be sure to enter the evening's drawing for two free opera tickets.

Robin Fisher, lyric coloratura soprano, has performed to critical acclaim in such cities as Paris, Vienna, Prague, Hamburg, Chicago and Dallas. Following her professional operatic debut in 1988 at the Salzburg Festival, she signed a solo contract with one of Germany's leading regional opera companies, the Wuppertal Opera. During her tenure there, she sang over 250 performances of such leading roles as Rosina (*Il barbiere di Siviglia*), Norina (*Don Pasquale*), Blonde (*Die Entführung aus dem Serail*), Oscar (*Un ballo in maschera*), Ännchen (*Der Freischütz*), Despina (*Così fan tutte*), and Papagena (*Die Zauberflöte*). She has been a guest performer with the Opéra de Paris, the Smetana Opera in Prague and the Wiesbaden State Opera.

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In concert, she has been featured in such works as Mozart's C-minor Mass and *Requiem*, Haydn's *Creation*, Handel's *Messiah*, Mendelssohn's *Lobgesang* Symphony, Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* and solo cantatas, and Schubert's masses with such ensembles as the Vienna Chamber Orchestra, the Wuppertal Symphony, the Chicago Chamber Orchestra and the Fort Worth Early Music ensemble. Most recently she has performed the North American premiere of works by Spanish composer Francisco Courcelle with the Orchestra of New Spain.

Ms. Fisher won both the prestigious Fulbright-Hayes Scholarship and a Rotary Foundation Award to pursue studies in Europe, and received the coveted Artist's Diploma *cum laude*, from the Vienna Hochschule für Musik. She began her vocal studies at San José State University in California and went on to graduate *cum laude* from Smith College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She recently completed her doctoral studies at The University of Texas at Austin and taught at Baylor University for nine years. Ms. Fisher is currently Professor of Voice at California State University, Sacramento.

For more information about the Sacramento Opera, contact 916.737.1000 or info@sacopera.org. For more information about the Fair Oaks Blvd. Borders Books & Music store, contact 916.564.0168.

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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