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OPERA INTERLUDES AT BORDERS BOOKS & MUSIC SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 AT 7 PM FREE EVENT

(Sacramento, CA 8/28/09) **Sacramento Opera presents Opera Interludes at Borders Books & Music, Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 7 pm, 2339 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95825.** This free, informal gathering features a live performance by soprano Carrie Hennessey and pianist Narmina Sultanova. Guests will hear excerpts from the Sacramento Opera's upcoming productions of *The Elixir of Love* and *La Traviata*. Lecturer Robert Coleman will provide entertaining commentary. Be sure to enter the evening's drawing for two free opera tickets. For more information about the Sacramento Opera, contact 916.737.1000 or info@sacopera.org. For more information about the Borders Books & Music store, contact 916.564.0168.

Soprano Carrie Hennessey has sung in the Sacramento Opera's recent productions of *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Marriage of Figaro*. A transplant to the Sacramento area from Minneapolis, she recently made her debut with members of the Sacramento Philharmonic in Heitor Villa-Lobos' *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 for Voice and Eight Cellos*. For the past year and a half she has had the privilege to tour with the Minneapolis based theatre company Theatre de la Jeune Lune in the opera fusion productions of *Don Juan Giovanni* and *Figaro* under the direction of Dominique Serrand. During this time she has had the opportunity to perform these innovative and collaborative productions at esteemed theaters around the country; including both the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, MA and the Berkeley Repertory Theatre in Berkeley. Ms. Hennessey is a graduate of the University of MN, Morris. In her years there, she was a two-time winner of the Minnesota/Wisconsin District Metropolitan Opera Auditions, both

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times receiving special awards in the Regional Competition. Ms. Hennessey has spent much time developing, premiering, and performing original art songs, operatic and theatrical works of composer Hiram Titus since 2003. Their most exciting collaboration is the release of Carrie's debut CD *A Prelude to Summer*, available through her website carriehennessey.com. This recording premieres performances of song cycles featuring off-beat Mother Goose rhymes and the ecstatic and mystical poetry of the Carmelite Monk, St. John of the Cross.

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