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**SACRAMENTO OPERA PRESENTS FREE “DEMYSIFYING OPERA” EVENTS
AT AREA PUBLIC LIBRARIES: FEBRUARY 10, 13, AND 18**

(Sacramento, CA 1/18/10) Sacramento Opera presents “Demystifying Opera” at the following public libraries in February:

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm
Fair Oaks Library
11601 Fair Oaks Blvd
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 1:30 pm
Franklin Library
10055 Franklin High Rd
Elk Grove, CA 95757

Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 3 pm
Elk Grove Library
8900 Elk Grove Blvd
Elk Grove, CA 95624

All events are free and open to the public. Each program is approximately one hour. Patrons will learn about the state of the opera world today, the history of opera through the ages, the types of opera, opera voices and how they relate to character types, the influence opera has on modern music, and how opera has made its way into pop culture. Commentary and discussion of the Sacramento Opera’s upcoming production of Verdi’s *La Traviata* is also included. Community Engagement Coordinator, Joey Castañeda, will strip opera of its aura of elitism and explain how to make a night at the opera as easy to enjoy as an episode of *CSI* or *Top Chef*. A prize drawing for two free tickets opera tickets will be held at each event.

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