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## **San Diego Opera Announces *Swing and Bling* Benefitting San Diego Opera's Education Programs And Honoring Sarah B. Marsh-Rebelo Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**San Diego, CA** – San Diego Opera is proud to announce **Swing and Bling** an evening of fine dining, strong drinks, and a variety of entertainment that will benefit San Diego Opera's community-wide education efforts. **Swing and Bling** will also honor the contributions of community philanthropist **Sarah B. Marsh-Rebelo**.

The cocktail-attire event will begin at **6:00 PM on Saturday, January 30, 2016** at the **McMillin Event Center at Liberty Station** (2875 Dewey Road, San Diego, CA) with a sumptuous buffet dinner provided by Sycuan Resort and Casino. The event will continue with performances from our San Diego Arts partners who will present all the elements that make live opera: singing, acting, dance and music. Guests will then join in the excitement of a paddle raise live auction, and a "luck of the draw" contest. Prizes will include transportation and an elegant stay in an apartment in Paris, France; Chef's Table for 10 with wine pairings at Seasons 52 restaurant; front row dugout seats for a Padres home game with dinner, bar service, and parking; a stay at The US Grant Hotel with dinner and VIP San Diego Opera tickets for two; a trip to Santa Fe with VIP access to performances at Santa Fe Opera and private accommodations, among many other wonderful prizes. The evening will conclude with dancing.

**Swing and Bling** will also honor the philanthropic contributions of Sarah B. Marsh-Rebelo. Sarah was born in London, England. She moved to the United States as a Pan American Stewardess, and travelled the world. Sarah moved to Hawaii for seven years where she surfed, raised her son Justin, and started her jewelry company, travelling frequently to the Asia. She moved with her son to Los Angeles in 1977 where she earned her Graduate Gemology Degree from the Gemological Institute of America. In 1981, Sarah married John Rebelo and moved to San Diego. She earned her BA in Anthropology at UCSD. She then founded Rebelo Inc. Fine Jewelry in 1984. During this time Sarah also attended Point Loma Nazarene University studying piano and voice. After twenty five years, Sarah retired from the jewelry world and returned to her love of academia in

2007. Sarah obtained her MFA in Creative Writing from San Diego State University in 2013. She is a published poet. Her first book ‘Over My Shoulder’ was published in 2013.

Sarah serves on the Board of San Diego Opera, a position she has held for twenty-one years. She currently serves on the board of the San Diego Museum of Art. Her twenty-two year involvement with the Board of SDMA has included raising funds for Education programs for Elementary School children in San Diego County. Sarah has been a member of the Pt. Loma Rotary for twenty-five years. She is the founder of ‘The Excellence in Poetry Fund’ at San Diego State University, which raises funds to assist disadvantaged students in pursuing their studies. Her previous community involvement includes the Battered Women’s Association, the Board of the Crime Victims Fund, The Armed Services YMCA, and the Monarch School.

The cost to attend Swing and Bling is \$300 per person, with a tax deduction of \$200 per individual ticket purchased. Table prices range from \$2,850-\$10,000 (tables of 10). Sponsorship opportunities range from \$500 - \$10,000. Tickets are available online at [www.sdopera.org/SwingBling](http://www.sdopera.org/SwingBling) or by phone at (619) 232-7636.

The caterer is **Sycuan Resort and Casino**. Flowers and table centerpieces will be by **Green Florist**.

**The 2015-2016 International Season**

<i>René Barbera in Recital</i>		September 19, 2015
<i>Patricia Racette “Diva on Detour”</i>		November 14, 2015
<i>Tosca</i>	Giacomo Puccini	February 13, 16, 19 and 21 (mat), 2016
<i>Ferruccio Furlanetto in Concert</i>		March 5, 2016
<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Giacomo Puccini	April 16, 19, 22 and 24 (mat), 2016
<i>Great Scott</i>	Jake Heggie	May 7, 10, 15 and 15 (mat), 2016

**San Diego Opera Mission Statement**

The mission of San Diego Opera is to deliver exceptional vocal performances and exciting, accessible programs to diverse audiences, focusing on community engagement and the transformative power of live performance.

**San Diego Opera Vision Statement**

The San Diego Opera will be recognized internationally as a leading example of adaptability, innovation and sustainability in the operatic arts, promoting diversified programming and unique performance venues with world-class and emerging talent.

**San Diego Opera Core Values Statement**

Through excellence in innovative programming and education, SDO provides a lasting cultural service to the community.

- Our tradition of excellence in fully staged opera is augmented with new models of opera and venues. Our unique and deep commitment to the community propels us to explore ways of increasing affordability and accessibility.
- Through fiscal responsibility and nimble adaptation to the changing marketplace, we protect the future of San Diego Opera.
- Our educational and community involvement coupled with relevant programming will build the audience of the future.

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