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**San Diego Opera Honors Faye Wilson as Life Director**  
***Only the fifth Life Director honor given in the Company's 47***  
***years***

San Diego, CA – San Diego Opera is pleased to announce that former San Diego Opera board president, Faye Wilson, has been named a Life Director of the San Diego Opera. This marks only the fifth Life Director honor that the Company has bestowed in its 47-year history.

“Faye Wilson has been the backbone of San Diego Opera for more than 20 years. While serving in the roles of President, Executive Vice President of Finance, Chair of the Audit, Investment and Governance Committees, major philanthropist, mentor and dear friend to all who love and cherish this extraordinary art form, she has taught us how to thrive and survive while never compromising on excellence. I, along with the management and Board of Directors, offer my deepest thanks and heartfelt congratulations to Faye on this highest honor the Company could bestow,” comments San Diego Opera General and Artistic Director, Ian Campbell.

Faye Wilson first joined San Diego Opera's Board of Directors in 1992 as a corporate representative of Security Pacific/Bank of America. Among her early achievements on the Board was negotiating a deal to move the Opera offices into the Company's current location, including the donation of office furniture. She soon became a key member of the Opera's Executive Committee - serving as Corporate Council Chair, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Special Projects and Executive Vice President. She served as President of the Board from 1996 to 1998. Faye continues to work tirelessly for the San Diego Opera on the Opera's Audit Committee and as a trusted advisor to staff and Board Members alike. An extraordinary philanthropist, Faye made personal contributions as a Producers' Circle Sponsor of *Lohengrin* (2000), *The Magic Flute* (2001), *The Flying Dutchman* (2002), *Otello* (2003) and as a Title Co-Sponsor of *Tanhäuser* (2008) and *Der Rosenkavalier* (2011).

“When I consider the joy this Company has given me, my family, my friends and the community, I am the one who should be honoring San Diego Opera and all who are responsible for making it the Center of Excellence that it is. Thank you San Diego Opera!” shares Ms. Wilson.

Faye Wilson is the CEO and Co-Founder of Wilson Boyles & Company, a business management consulting company providing organizational alignment, operational efficiency, strategic planning, financial structuring, corporate culture change management, and business transition expertise. With more than 25 years experience in the banking and retail industries, Ms. Wilson has extensive expertise in global business management. She was the Senior Vice President of the Risk Management Group for Home Depot, and held various executive level positions during her 21 years at Bank of America including Executive Vice President, and Chairman and President of Security Pacific Financial Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BankAmerica Corporation where she led the turnaround and sale of a \$2.4 billion consumer finance business. She was also the Managing Director of the Leveraged Buyout Group for Security Pacific Merchant Bank before posting to the London office to lead cross-border mergers and acquisitions activities for Security Pacific's European and U.S. customers. Ms. Wilson has served on various corporate boards including Home Depot and Farmers Insurance, and is currently on the Board of Directors for BioMed Realty Investment Trust and Biocept, Inc.

Ms. Wilson's civic commitment and desire to positively impact the lives of others has led her to serve on various educational, scientific, and arts-related boards including the Atlanta Symphony, Big Brothers, Big Sisters Organization, Duke University, and the Mardan Foundation. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Efficacy Institute and the Salk Institute. She chairs the San Diego Theaters, Inc. Board and the City of San Diego Managed Competition Independent Review Board.

Ms. Wilson received her B.A. degree in Finance and Economics from Duke University. She holds Masters Degrees in Business Administration and International Relations from the University of Southern California. Ms. Wilson resides in Rancho Bernardo.

**The 2012 International Season**

<i>Salome</i>	Richard Strauss	January 28, 31, February 3 and 5 (mat), 2012
<i>Moby-Dick</i>	Jake Heggie	February 18, 21, 24 and 26 (mat), 2012
<i>Don Pasquale</i>	Gaetano Donizetti	March 10, 13, 16 and 18 (mat), 2012
Renée Fleming in Concert		March 24, 2012
<i>The Barber of Seville</i>	Gioachino Rossini	April 21, 24, 27 and 29 (mat), 2012

**Purchasing Tickets**

Single ticket prices are currently \$50, \$100, \$120, \$130, \$160, \$200 and \$210 (with some seats on select nights slightly higher) and can be purchased by calling (619) 533-7000 or online at [www.sdopera.com](http://www.sdopera.com).

**General Information**

A widely respected member of the international opera community, *San Diego Opera* brings the world's finest artists to San Diego. Founded in 1965, and led for the last 28 years by General Director and Artistic Director Ian D. Campbell, San Diego Opera produces performances of the highest artistic quality while remaining financially stable.

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