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**“A NIGHT AT THE OPERA” OPENS 10<sup>TH</sup> SEASON  
OF FREE MARINA DEL REY SUMMER CONCERTS**

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. – June 17, 2010 - “A Night at the Opera,” featuring Music Director Frank Fetta conducting the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, with finalists from the Loren L. Zachary National Vocal Competition, opens the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts Thursday, July 8, at 7 pm. Presented free to the public, the concerts are held waterside in Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. Series host is Rich Capparella, popular KUSC FM personality.

The traditional season opening ceremonies will present Presentation of the Colors by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Marina del Rey Explorers under the coordination of Deputy Keith Harrison; and Water Display on the Main Channel presented by The Los Angeles County Fire Department Fire Boat and the Fire Department Lifeguard Boat.

The concert will present arias and duos from best-loved operas, including those by Wagner, Puccini, Verdi, Donizetti, Massenet, Mozart and Tchaikovsky. Appearing will be sopranos Wendy Bryn Harmer and Narine Ojakhyan, tenor Matthew Plenk, and bass-baritone Donovan Singletary. Ms. Ojakhyan, a graduate of London’s Royal Academy of Music, is a native of Armenia and currently resides in Glendale. Ms. Harmer, Mr. Plenk and Mr. Singletary, from the Metropolitan Opera’s Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, are all currently singing with the company.

Founded in 1972 by the late Loren L. Zachary and Nedra Zachary, the annual Loren L. Zachary National Vocal Competition for Young Opera singers is one of the most prestigious and valuable singing competitions in the world. Previous winners of the Zachary Competition have included Thomas Hampson, Aprile Millo, Ruth Ann Swenson, Deborah Voight, Eduardo Villa, Sondra Radvanovsky, and Earl Patriarco.

Sponsors of the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts are Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Department of Beaches and Harbors, and the Ritz Carlton Marina del Rey. Media sponsor is KUSC FM 91.5.

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