



Stuart Neill and Sandra Lopez to Perform at Sugden Theater

NAPLES, Fla. (Feb. 19, 2009) – The Moran Asset Management Group of Wachovia Securities and Opera Naples will welcome Stuart Neill and Sandra Lopez to the Sugden Theater for a spectacular musical performance on March 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The duo will perform a concert of Verdi and Puccini arias and duets. Tickets are \$200 per person and include a “meet the artist” reception with Neill and Lopez.

Stuart Neill made opera history in January 2009 in the title role of Don Carlo as the first American tenor ever to open the season at La Scala. Through his successful performances in the world's finest opera houses and concert halls with leading conductors and orchestras, Neill continues to establish himself as one of the most important tenors in the classical world today.

Neill has appeared at The Metropolitan Opera, Teatro La Fenice, Vienna Staatsoper, The Royal Opera Covent Garden, Teatro Colon, Alte Oper Frankfurt, Opera Company of Philadelphia, Dallas Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Boston Symphony Orchestra and Dresden's Staatskapelle.

He can be heard on more than a dozen classical recordings including Bellini's *Il Pirata* for Berlin Classics, Verdi's *Oberto* for Philips Classics and Grammy award-

winning recording of Stravinsky's Persephone with the San Francisco Symphony for RCA Red Seal, as well as several regionally available recordings Verdi's Requiem.

Soprano Sandra Lopez is a graduate of the prestigious Lindemann Young Artist Development Program of the Metropolitan Opera. Some of her assignments at the Met include Marquerite in Faust, Liu in Turandot, Roberta Alden in the world premier of Tobias Picker's An American Tragedy and performances of Catherine in the world premier of A View from the Bridge, Frasquita in Carmen, Tebaldo in Don Carlo, Fourth Maid in Elektra and Flowermaiden in Parsifal.

Lopez has been a winner and finalist of several opera competitions including the Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions, the Florida Grand Opera Young Patroness competition, Palm Beach Opera competition and the MacAllister awards.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the Neill/Lopez concert, call the Sugden Theater box office at (239) 263-7990.

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