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*** MEDIA ADVISORY ***

**TENOR SALVATORE LICITRA CANCELS BAY AREA CONCERT ENGAGEMENT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009 AT 8:00 P.M. AT ZELLERBACH HALL,
A JOINT PRESENTATION BY SAN FRANCISCO OPERA AND CAL PERFORMANCES**

BERKELEY, December 2, 2008 – Due to recent back ailments that have forced **Salvatore Licitra** to curtail long-distance travel temporarily, **San Francisco Opera** and **Cal Performances** regret to announce the cancellation of the Italian tenor's **Saturday, January 10, 2009** concert at **Zellerbach Hall** in Berkeley. One of opera's most ardently admired young tenors, Licitra was scheduled to perform with San Francisco Opera Adler Fellows and the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, under the baton of conductor Srba Dinic. No replacement date is announced at this time.

Patrons who purchased tickets through **Cal Performances** may exchange their tickets for Jake Heggie's upcoming *Three Decembers* (performances on December 11, 12 and 14) starring mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade, co-presented with San Francisco Opera, or another Cal Performances event in the 2008/09 Season, or they may donate their purchase to Cal Performances by calling the Cal Performances Ticket Office at **(510) 642-9988** by **December 15, 2008** to make the exchange. If no exchange or donation is requested, Cal Performances will automatically issue refunds to credit card purchases or by check mailed to the home address.

Patrons who purchased tickets through **San Francisco Opera** may exchange their Licitra tickets for Jake Heggie's *Three Decembers* (performances on December 11, 12 and 14) or another San Francisco Opera 2008/09 season performance. Ticket holders may also donate their purchase to the Opera by calling the San Francisco Opera Box Office at (415) 864-3330. Please call by December 15 to make the exchange. If no exchange is requested, the Opera will automatically issue refunds to credit card purchases or by check mailed to the home address.

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**SAN FRANCISCO OPERA AND CAL PERFORMANCES ANNOUNCE
EVENT CANCELLATION**

Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

**Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley**

Opera

Salvatore Licitra, tenor
Srba Dinic, conductor
with Members of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra
featuring San Francisco Opera Adler Fellows

Program:

Verdi/“Celeste Aida” from *Aida*; “Forse la soglia attinse...Ma se m’è forza perderti” and “Teco io sto...Non sai tu che se l’anima mia...O qual soave brivido” from *Un ballo in Maschera*; and an overture TBD

Cilea/“Acerba Voluttà” from *Adrianna Lecouvreur*

Catalani/“Ebben? Ne andrò lontana” from *La Wally*

Puccini/“Mario, Mario, Mario...Ah, quegli occhi” from *Tosca*; Prelude to Act III from *Madama Butterfly*

Mascagni/“Voi lo sapete” and “Tu qui, Santuzza?” from *Cavalleria Rusticana*

Leoncavallo/Intermezzo and “Vesti la giubba” from *Pagliacci*

Tickets: Exchanges, donations or refunds available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall at (510) 642-9988; and San Francisco Opera Box Office by calling (415) 864-3330.

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