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Opera Cleveland Hires Director of Development

After a three month search, Opera Cleveland announces the appointment of Steven R. Borstein as Director of Development. In the underwritten position, Borstein will be responsible for growing annual fundraising as well as cultivating the company's funding from corporations, foundations and individuals. He begins Jan. 1, 2009.

Most recently, Borstein was a partner with Cedar Brook Financial Partners. Prior, he served as CEO of Metro Chemical Environmental Products and as President of Seaway Food Services. Borstein is licensed in the state of Ohio for life and health insurance and is a registered representative with Securities America, Inc.

"We are extraordinarily fortunate to have someone of Steven's stature to join our team," says William Cole, Executive Director of Opera Cleveland. "We could not have asked for a better person to help us achieve our organizational goals, especially during the current economic tumult. His fundraising skills will be vitally important in the coming months and as we plan for the future."

Since first volunteering with various non-profits since the 1980s, Borstein has been personally involved in raising several million dollars from private and public sources. Currently, he serves on the Executive Committee of the United Way of Greater Cleveland, from which he received the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2005. Previously, he served on the board of trustees of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, the Juvenile Diabetes Reserach Foundation and Montefiore Home.

"Steven brings a wealth of knowledge of both the business and non-profit sectors from work and his extensive volunteer experience," says Dr. Pauline F. Ramig, President of the Board of Directors for Opera Cleveland. "I look forward to working with such an accomplished and energetic individual."

About Opera Cleveland

Opera Cleveland enriches the Northeast Ohio community by providing staged opera productions that emotionally connect each audience member to the drama and passion of opera by casting dramatic singers and collaborating with dynamic creative teams. We also connect our educational resources to our public, neighborhoods and schools in a way that promotes an engaged and confident future audience.

Opera Cleveland's 2009 season opens with *The Barber of Seville* by Rossini on March 27, 29 and April 4. We present Verdi's *Falstaff* on June 19, 21 and 17 and Mozart's *Don Giovanni* on Oct. 30, Nov. 2 and 8. Visit www.operacleveland.org for more information.

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