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HILLHOUSE OPERA COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN

presents

AN AFTERNOON OF SONG

Saturday, March 19, 3:00 p.m.

Kehler Liddell Gallery

873 Whalley Ave., New Haven

March 14, 2010, New Haven, CT: The **Hillhouse Opera Company**, New Haven's own community-supported opera organization, is pleased to present *An Afternoon of Song* on **Saturday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m.** The hour-long concert will take place at the **Kehler Liddell Gallery** in New Haven. Admission is free and open to the public.

Seven members of the Hillhouse company will present favorite operatic works by Donizetti, Puccini, Rossini, Bizet, and Mozart, with an emphasis on illuminating and expressing the lyrics set by each composer. To that end, the performers will speak the texts of their pieces both in English and in the original language before performing the arias. Many of the artists have appeared in recent Hillhouse productions and performances to great acclaim. Once again collaborating with the singers is pianist **Ingeborg Schimmer**. Please see below for a complete list of performers.

For more information about the artists and about the show, please see Hillhouse's website at <http://www.hillhouseoperacompany.org>. For directions and information about the venue, please visit Kehler Liddell Gallery's website at www.kehlerliddell.com.

An Afternoon of Song

Featuring:

Ingeborg Schimmer, piano

Sara Henry

Anna Rita Tornello

Natasha Novitskaya

Helen Falcone

Jennifer Diamond

Michael Trnik

Mathew Cimino

About Hillhouse Opera Company

Hillhouse Opera Company (HHOC) was founded in August 2008 as a community-based opera company in the greater New Haven, CT area. The organization grew out of the desire to turn the Hillhouse Opera Project, a project that had been begun in order to produce Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, into a more continuous base of support for community-based operatic productions. Since that initial season, HHOC has put on productions of such varied operas as Handel's *Alcina* and Gounod's *Faust*, plus a variety of concerts ranging from a Chilean earthquake relief benefit concert at the Yale Astronomy Department's Leitner Observatory and Planetarium, to "Blueberries and Basil Surprise," an unannounced flash-mob style concert at the Hill Farmer's Market in New Haven.

The Mission of the Hillhouse Opera Company is two-fold: to produce and promote opera in the wider community and to promote community through opera.

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