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NANCIE KENNEDY CHAIRS ANNAPOLIS OPERA'S FIFTH ANNUAL SINGABLE FEAST

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Annapolis Opera is delighted to announce that local leader, performer and passionate opera fan, Nancie Kennedy, will serve as the honorary chair of its Fifth Annual Singable Feast, the Opera's principle fundraising event that will usher in its 43rd season.

Ms. Kennedy serves on the boards of numerous non-profit cultural, educational and environmental organizations, including the Annapolis Opera, where she presents lectures and community educational outreach programs about opera and music history. Ms. Kennedy, a lyric soprano, is an authority on American music. She and her pianist partner Howard Spindler gained national recognition touring the nation for 15 years presenting performance programs and lectures on music from 1875-1925. Several of their recordings have been broadcast on NPR's "All Things Considered." Prior to retiring, Ms. Kennedy maintained a private vocal studio and also taught at the Peabody Conservatory and the Eastman School of Music for over 30 years. Ms. Kennedy has appeared as a soloist with the London Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, Baltimore Symphony, Opera Theatre of Rochester, Eastman Opera and many other performance organizations. Her performances include major and supporting roles in opera, musical theater, concerts, oratorio and chamber music.

"Nancie Kennedy is a part of the very fabric of the Annapolis Opera," commented Annapolis Opera Board President Lee Finney. "Nancie has served as a Board member and Advisory Trustee, and has been a leader in elevating the Opera in our region. She is passionate about recruiting talented performers and expanding the reach of the Opera to include the next generation. We're thrilled that Nancie has agreed to act as the Honorary Chair of this year's Singable Feast."

Though the Opera has experienced much recent success, including a critically acclaimed production of *Così fan tutte* last season, no opera company's costs are completely covered by ticket sales alone. The Opera's signature fundraising event, the Singable Feast, is a gala evening featuring gourmet cuisine and a live opera performance. The evening begins with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by a wine paired four-course meal and live auction. The evening will culminate in a concert by the Annapolis Opera's 2015 Vocal Competition winners Diane Kalinowski, soprano, and Matthews Vickers, tenor.

Annapolis Opera has provided professionally staged operas and concerts for the mid-Atlantic region for over 40 years. The Opera's mission is to enhance the cultural life of the region by presenting artistically excellent opera programming and educational experiences while furthering the development of emerging performing arts professionals.

The Singable Feast will take place at 6:00 p.m. on 10 October 2015 at the Loews Annapolis Hotel, located at 126 West St. Annapolis, MD. Tickets are \$150, a portion of which is tax-deductible.

For more information, visit www.annapolisopera.org or call 410.267.8135.