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PRESS RELEASE

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ANNAPOLIS – Today, the Annapolis Opera Company announced the engagement of Jane Weaver, of Weaver & Weaver, as its new Director of Development. “We are pleased to have the addition of this opera and nonprofit professional to the AOC team as we move forward celebrating our 50th Anniversary and years beyond,” said General Director Kathy Swekel.

Jane Weaver brings a wealth of experience, ideas, and energy from all areas of opera and nonprofit management, particularly fundraising. Her work with Houston Grand Opera, Texas Opera Theater in Houston, TX; Community School of the arts and Operation Homefront in Charlotte, NC included successes in annual gifts, corporate partnerships, events, and galas. “I moved to Annapolis because I loved the city, its size, intimacy, and active community; and to add to that the opportunity to continue my work and love of opera, will make my stay here especially rewarding,” says Weaver.

“First up is securing sponsorships for the production of *Lost in the Stars* (Kurt Weill) in October (28th and 30th), and the 50th Anniversary Gala on December 2nd. We welcome Jane’s experience in fundraising to help us make these and other events funded and memorable,” said Cary Melnyk, President of the AOC Board of Directors.

Details on the Annapolis Opera can be found at annapolisopera.org

THE MISSION OF THE ANNAPOLIS OPERA COMPANY 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.