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Opera House Summer 2010 Season Opens June 26

Clayton, NY – The 2010 Summer Performance Season at the Clayton Opera House has something for everyone. Music lovers will find classical, folk, rock, blues guitar, big band and Broadway show scores to choose from, while dance enthusiasts will be swept off their feet by a ballroom dance production. Fans of the theater will be entertained by a new take on a compilation of Shakespearean plays. Tickets for all shows are now on sale and this year tickets can be purchased online through the Clayton Opera House website at www.ClaytonOperaHouse.com

The first show of the season, “Lost Channels” on Saturday, June 26, is a multi-media program featuring works by best-selling author and photographer Ian Cristine, accompanied by the music of the popular Canadian group, the Great Lake Swimmers. On Thursday, July 1 the Orchestra of Northern New York takes the stage and will perform their annual pops concert, “Broadway by Demand.” A new dance production, “Ballroom with a Twist,” choreographed by Emmy-nominated Louis van Amstel, will be presented on Wednesday, July 14.

On Friday, July 23, the Montreal-based Ensemble Caprice which has won acclaim for their performances of the music of Vivaldi, Telemann, and J.S. Bach, will perform their program “La Follia and the Gypsies.” The Pendragon Theatre

company returns to the Opera House on Friday, July 30 with their production, “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare—Abridged,” a fast-paced assemblage of all those plays you read in English Lit class performed in two hours by a comedic company of three.

Also this season, TIPAF will present Los Lobos, the famous rock band from East Los Angeles known for their diverse musical style that encompasses Norteno, Mariachi, Zydeco, Gypsy jazz, and R&B, on Wednesday, August 4 and Taj Mahal on Thursday, August 19, one of the most prominent and influential performers of blues and roots music.

Eric DeGray is back by popular demand on Wednesday, August 11. His one-man show features top Broadway hits, show stoppers, impersonations, and warm humor. Then on Thursday, August 26, the world-renowned Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform their signature 40s big band sound. The well-known and accomplished Watertown native, Ted Keegan, will take the stage for two performances in September—“Songs, Stories and Indelible Images” on Friday, September 3 highlights Mr. Keegan’s journey from childhood in Watertown to a successful career as a musical theatre artist. On Saturday, September 4, he will perform an evening of works from the “American Songbook”. On Saturday, September 11, the 2009 junior and senior division winners of the Cape Vincent Arts Council’s Chopin Piano Competition will enthrall Clayton Opera House audience members with a special performance of their award-winning repertoire.

In addition to the shows noted, the Opera House will again offer its Sunday Series featuring some of the best artists of the Thousand Islands region. All shows are on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm and tickets are just \$5. This year performances include Ticia Marra’s Studio on June 27, River Rat Rhythm Project on July 11, Soul Window on July 25, Grapeful Redneck Wine Trail Band on August 8, Johnston School of Irish Dance on August 22, and Voices of the River on September 12.

And of course, the resident ensemble of the Clayton Opera House, the Clayton Community Band, will perform on July 20 and August 31. Both concerts

are on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm and tickets are \$5 each, children are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Tickets to all 2010 Summer Season shows, including the Sunday Series and the Clayton Community Band concerts, are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.ClaytonOperaHouse.com, over the phone with a Visa or Mastercard at 315-686-2200, or at the Box Office.

For more information on all the shows scheduled this summer, as well as ticket prices, please visit the Opera House website www.ClaytonOperaHouse.com or visit or call the Box Office at 315-686-2200.

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