

LONGWOOD OPERA

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LONGWOOD OPERA WELCOMES REVELERS TO NEEDHAM FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION

7 pm performance at Christ Episcopal Church

NEEDHAM, MA; December 20, 2012 --- Made plans for New Year's Eve?

Spend part of 2012's last evening with Needham's own Longwood Opera. On December 31st at 7 pm in Christ Episcopal Church, Longwood Opera stars Karen Amlaw, Giliana Norkunas and Gary Thies, accompanied by Longwood Music Director Jeffrey Brody, will perform popular arias and ensembles as part of New Year's Needham's first night celebration.

"Longwood Opera is delighted to have again been asked by Needarts to be part of the town-wide presentation of art, dance and music. It's also a great 'operatunity' for anyone, regardless of age or exposure to opera, to hear familiar tunes live and not worry about traveling far," said J. Scott Brumit, Longwood Opera's general director. "It's so convenient, you won't want to miss us." Christ Episcopal Church is located at 1132 Highland Ave., Needham, across from the public library.

Sponsored by Needarts, New Year's Needham will feature over 35 day and evening events in easily accessible venues around town including the Needham Public Library, YMCA, Stephen Palmer Senior Center, St. Joseph's Church, and the Town Common where revelers can watch an ice sculpture in progress.

You can attend all New Year's Needham events for the purchase of a \$5.00 button. Buttons are now on sale at Sudbury Farms & Roche Brothers, Taylor's Stationery, Volante Farms, Perennial Designs, the Town Hall and other locations in Needham. For more information visit www.Needarts.org.

And don't miss other Longwood Opera's performances during 2013.

March 3 at 2:30 pm - a concert version of Gilbert & Sullivan's **RUDDIGORE** in collaboration with NEGASS

June 8 & 10 - Donizetti's delightful comedy - **ELIXIR OF LOVE** - costumed, staged and in English.

23rd Annual Summer Concert Series – Tuesdays at 7:30pm from July 9 - August 27
On July 30 we will present **Veni, Vedi, Verdi** to celebrate Verdi's 200th Birthday.

November 1 & 3 - Mozart's most celebrated opera - **THE MAGIC FLUTE** - costumed, staged and in English.

For more information about Longwood Opera and the performance schedule, visit www.longwoodopera.org.

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