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& Oberlin College Conservatory of Music is pleased to present

"OPERA: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?"

A free lecture by John Zaretti

President of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012 at 8:00PM

Oberlin College Conservatory of Music - Kulas Recital Hall 77 W. College Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Everyone is invited for a lively journey into the whole world of opera, from its origins in Renaissance Florence to our present time. The program will include Mr. Zaretti's entertaining visual presentation plus live music highlights featuring performances of opera excerpts by Oberlin College Conservatory of Music voice students. Gain a new insight and enrich your knowledge, understanding, and enjoyment of opera through interesting anecdotes about the composers, librettists, singers, conductors, theaters, stage directors and designers, and much more about the history of opera and the men and women involved in its making. How is it that opera can move us so, and that it is now more popular than ever around the world? Come to the presentation for a fresh perspective and to hear some beautiful music and you'll have a new appreciation for this fascinating art form.

As a further treat, completing the journey through operatic history, there will be a display of vintage operatory posters and other artifacts displayed in the lobby outside Kulas Recital Hall.

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