



Robert Galbraith to be New Host of WCPE Opera House

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PR9.NET October 21, 2007 - WAKE FOREST, N.C. TheClassicalStation.org announced today that Robert Galbraith, founding artistic director of the Opera Company of North Carolina, will be the new host of the WCPE Opera House, starting in 2008.

WCPE Opera House has been a regular feature of TheClassicalStation.org since April 1980. Each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. ET, legendary host Al Ruocchio presented the best in operatic recordings. Ruocchio passed away on February 8, 2007. In his honor, WCPE has continued to air his previously recorded Opera House presentations.

Robert Galbraith performed with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Washington Opera, New York City Opera and other major companies. In 1997, Galbraith and his wife founded the Opera Company of North Carolina, where he served as artistic director for ten years.

"Al did such a great job, it is intimidating to sit behind his microphone," says Galbraith. "I look forward to augmenting the format with interviews and a performer perspective."

Ruocchio's previously recorded Opera House presentations will continue airing weekly through the end of the year and his legend will live on as a monthly broadcast. During New York's opera season, WCPE presents live broadcasts Saturday afternoons from the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

WCPE's 24/7 live broadcast of Great Classical Music can be accessed around the globe in several ways; on-line streaming in multiple formats, including IPv6, local cable television systems and traditional radio broadcasting. A complete list of the ways WCPE is available can be found at TheClassicalStation.Org/internet.shtml.

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About WCPE Radio

With a 30-year history, WCPE is a non-commercial, 100 percent listener-supported, independent station dedicated to excellence in Great Classical Music, 24 Hours A Day. Community-minded business underwriters and foundations are among the 150,000 listeners in the North Carolina broadcast area. Other radio stations and cable television systems can rebroadcast Great Classical Music, 24 Hours A Day. WCPE is one of the first public broadcasters to stream on the Internet. WCPE is heard worldwide on the Internet in multiple formats, including the next generation IPv6. Because WCPE receives no tax-derived support, the station conducts two on-air fundraising campaigns and two major mail-out campaigns per year to raise needed operating funds. Quarter Notes, the WCPE Program Guide, is published four times a year as a means to enhance appreciation and understanding of classical music.

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