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GREGORY E. BULGER NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OPERA BOSTON

(BOSTON – Sept. 15, 2008) Opera Boston General Director Carole Charnow today announced that Gregory E. Bulger, who has been on the company’s Board of Directors since 2005, was unanimously voted President of the Board. Bulger succeeds Randolph Fuller, Board President since 1999, who now becomes President Emeritus and Artistic Adviser.

“We’re thrilled that Greg has agreed to extend his already formidable commitment to the company,” said Charnow. “His advice and enthusiasm is greatly valued.” Charnow also stressed that Fuller will continue his close relationship with the company. “He has been a trusted friend and advisor to the company for many years, and we’re grateful for his continued service.”

“I look forward to helping Carole steward Opera Boston through the company’s next chapter,” said Bulger. “After several years of steady growth and uniform critical acclaim, the company is positioned to do great things in the coming years. I’m excited to see what’s next.”

Bulger was formerly the Chief Executive Officer of HealthCare Value Management, which he founded in 1990. HCVM is a managed care organization that operated one of the largest preferred provider organizations in New England. In 2002, Bulger sold HCVM to their largest client, though he remained as CEO through 2004. Prior to starting HCVM, Bulger was the first Executive Director of the Mattapan Community Health Center in Boston from 1973 to 1982 and was the Executive Director of the Teamsters Health Services and Insurance Plan in Boston from 1982 to 1989. He has served as the President of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and as a Trustee of Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He is a graduate of Boston College and Boston College High School. He attended Northeastern University’s Graduate School of Business Administration and received a certificate from the Harvard Business School’s Program in Health Systems Management.

Currently Bulger is the Trustee of the Gregory E. Bulger Foundation, which he founded in 2002. The Foundation’s major focus is to provide support to the performing arts in the Greater Boston Area. In addition to his service to Opera Boston, Bulger is an Overseer of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Early Music Festival, Vice President of Project STEP and a member of the Board of Visitors of Speakeasy Stage Company. In 2007 Mr. Bulger made the lead gift for the new performing arts center at Boston College High School, his alma mater, which now bears his name. He lives in Dover, Mass.

About Opera Boston

Opera Boston is Boston’s most innovative opera company. Founded in 1980, the company has presented more than 70 operas, including 34 regional and two world premieres. In addition to its critically acclaimed, award-winning mainstage productions, Opera Boston offers a range of programs, including an occasional chamber opera festival, a popular informal cabaret series and an extensive educational program in Boston-area schools. Opera Boston opens its 2008-2009 season with *Der Freischütz* at the Cutler Majestic Theatre Oct. 17-21.