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## Stefanelli to perform at NJ Opera Guild

Lyric soprano Annamaria Stefanelli of Roseland will be a featured guest artist at the annual luncheon of the Greater Newark Chapter of the New Jersey State Opera Guild on June 3 at noon at the Glen Ridge Country Club, 555 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge.

Accompanied by pianist Catherine Scott, Stefanelli will perform selections from opera and musical theater, including "Un Bel Di" from Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* and "This Is My Beloved" from *Kismet*.

Stefanelli has performed at Carnegie Hall, the 92nd Street Y, St. Peter's Church and the Central Park Concert series in New York City.

She has performed principal operatic roles with the New York Grand Opera, the Amato Opera, and the American Singers Opera Project, and has appeared with Ira Siff in "A

Night at the Opera" at La Belle Epoch in New York City.

A passionate advocate of opera in education, Stefanelli is founder and principal artist of Fun with Opera, a program designed to bring opera into elementary and secondary schools.

She has served as a consultant to the Italian Heritage Commission's Learning Guide for Opera for New Jersey High Schools and also served as an advisor to the Hudson, N.Y., Vagabond Puppets on the creation of a children's opera. She currently serves on the faculty of the Academy of Music on Main Street in Spotswood and maintains a private studio in Roseland.

The New Jersey State Opera Guild is a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting performances by the New Jersey State Opera through fund raising and community outreach. The organization also seeks



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to promote awareness of opera throughout the state.

For reservations, call 973-472-5168.

For more information on Annamaria Stefanelli, visit [www.annamariastefanelli.com](http://www.annamariastefanelli.com).