

# The Progress

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008

## WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Italian opera history given by Stefanelli

## Local soprano also will sing

**WEST CALDWELL TWP.**—Lyric soprano Annamaria Stefanelli of Roseland will present "A Brief History of Italian Opera" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the West Caldwell Public Library, 30 Clinton Road.



**ANNAMARIA STEFANELLI**

The event is sponsored by the University Women of West Essex.

Widely recognized as an opera education expert, Stefanelli will explain how opera began in Italy and how the art form has changed over time.

She also will perform several arias to illustrate her lecture. Arias will include: Stizzoso, mio stizzoso from "La Serva Padrona" by Pergolesi; Dove sono i bei momenti from "Le Nozze Di Figaro" by Mozart; Addio del passato from Verdi's "La Traviata;" and Tu che di gel from "Turandot" by Puccini.

Stefanelli has appeared at Carnegie Hall and the Central Park Concert Series in New York City and she has performed principal operatic roles with the New York Grand Opera and Am-

ato Opera, and the American Singers Opera Project.

### Opera Taught To Kids

In addition to maintaining an active performing career, she is founder and principal artist of Fun with Opera, a program designed to bring that art form into elementary and secondary schools.

She has served as a consultant on opera in education to numerous organizations, and was selected by the Italian Heritage Commission at Rutgers University to create opera lesson plans for the Mercer County public schools.

Stefanelli maintains a private studio in Roseland and is on the faculty of The Academy of Music on Main Street in Spotswood.

The University Women of West Essex, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting education and intellectual growth for women and girls, provides college scholarships for high school students and mature women returning to study through its fundraising activities.

The event at the West Caldwell Public Library is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (973) 736-9680. To learn more about Stefanelli, visit: [www.annamariastefanelli.com](http://www.annamariastefanelli.com).