

Consolato d'Italia Detroit, the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan,
and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Department of Voice are pleased to present

Opera in America: Stories, People, Places

John Zaretti, President
Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan

Thursday, January 12, 2012
E.V. Moore Building, McIntosh Theatre
1100 Baits Drive, Ann Arbor
7:00 p.m.
Free and open to the public

Mr. Zaretti's presentation will include photos, musical performances by
University of Michigan voice students, and stories of Italian composers and
their ties to America, including Mozart librettist Lorenzo da Ponte's time
in America, connections between Verdi's music and Abraham Lincoln, and
the links between The Civil War and *I Puritani* by Bellini and much more!

*Reception to follow immediately - sponsored by the
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