

CAL STATE'S OSHER INSTITUTE OFFERS COMPANION CLASS FOR OPERA SIMULCASTS

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PALM DESERT, Calif. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a program of California State University's College of Extended Learning, will offer a special companion class previewing six operas also appearing locally in live simulcasts of the 2008-09 Metropolitan Opera season. The class, titled A Study of Lesser-Known Operas, will be taught by Dr. John Nyberg, Music Education, University of Minnesota, and a popular Instructor with the Osher Institute. "When I heard about the opportunity to tie in one of our opera classes with the simulcasts, I was very excited. Our opera classes have always been hugely successful, and the simulcasts add an entire new level of value to taking the class", comments Osher Program Manager Steve McAdams. Opening night for the simulcasts is September 22nd at the River in Rancho Mirage.

The Osher Institute offers over a dozen classes this Fall, including: Secrets to Desert Gardening, Columbus Mysteries-His Motives and His Maps, Don Quijote, Modern Astronomy-The Science of Our Universe, and Georgia O'Keefe-Artists of the Southwest, and The Streets of Paris-Where the Past is Present. Registrations are currently being accepted for the fall quarter, which starts October 28th.

In addition to the wide variety of courses, Osher also offers trips to China, Greece, Egypt, Kenya, Peru and Russia, all with Osher Instructors as escorts. The escorted trips are facilitated by Travelearn, a new partner of the Osher Institute with a successful track record of providing quality educational travel experiences throughout the world. More information is available at www.TraveLearn.com/bernardinoolli.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is a program designed for adults who want to experience learning for the fun of it. Courses are offered for no credit and there are no grades, no tests and no homework for the students. The Institute offers quarterly memberships for \$125 and courses typically cover subject areas in Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences. Courses are held at Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus, the La Quinta Museum and the Palm Springs Art Museum.

If you would like to receive a free Fall course catalog, or want more information about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, contact Steve McAdams at (760) 341-2883, ext. 14428, email mcadamss@csusb.edu or visit <http://cel.csusb.edu/osher.html>.