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Indianapolis Opera Announces the Basile Opera Center

Indianapolis, IN (August 16, 2008) – Indianapolis Opera has announced the naming of its newly acquired Opera Center facility as the Frank and Katrina Basile Opera Center, in recognition of a major gift made by local philanthropists Frank and Katrina Basile.

“Katrina and I are pleased to have this opportunity to participate in the establishment of the Opera Center, which we believe will help take our Indianapolis Opera to the next level”, said Frank Basile. “We became convinced that it will be transformative when we recently visited the opera center in Memphis and saw what it did for their opera company and the entire cultural community.”

“Frank and Katrina Basile are very familiar names among local arts supporters. We were extremely gratified to have their enthusiasm for a vision of an exceptional cultural center dedicated to the performance of opera and that they extended this commitment through their interest in the Opera Center,” commented Indianapolis Opera Executive Director John Pickett. “Through their very generous donation, the Indianapolis Opera and its patrons have now been twice blessed by leaders of the Indianapolis community.”

The opera center concept became a reality recently when Angie’s List CEO Bill Oesterle purchased the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 40th and Pennsylvania Street, and leased the facility to Indianapolis Opera. The 24,000 square foot center will provide space for rehearsals, classes and performances in addition to housing the business office of the opera company.

The naming announcement was made Friday, August 15, at a private function at Fleming’s Restaurant in honor of supporters of the Opera Center project.



Basile Opera Center, future home of Indianapolis Opera

Indianapolis Opera has established a fundraising goal of \$3.5 million dedicated to creating an operating endowment and making structural improvements to the Basile Opera Center. The campaign to date has received more than \$1.6 million in commitments from the community.

Additional naming opportunities exist at the Basile Opera Center, including naming rights to the Performance Hall, Rehearsal Hall, lobbies, gardens and community meeting areas.

Indianapolis Opera will consolidate its operations and relocate to the Basile Opera Center by mid-2009.

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