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Pensacola Opera presents its second Salon Series Recital featuring Elise Quagliata

On Saturday, February 21st, Pensacola Opera continues its new Salon Series of concerts with mezzo-soprano Elise Quagliata, Pensacola Opera's own Carmen. Hosted by Dr. Ruth Orth, this intimate evening will feature an exotic mix of music from opera and cabaret to art songs. Ms. Quagliata will be accompanied by Blake Riley on piano. Attendance is limited to the first thirty guests. Tickets are \$250 a person, and include the concert, cocktails, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Call the Pensacola Opera office at (850) 433-6737 for reservations for this unique event.

The Salon Series is Pensacola Opera's new concert series, featuring its nationally-known artists singing solo concerts in some of Pensacola's finest and most historic homes. This inaugural season features three recitals; Chauncey Packer sang at the Hopkins House in November, and the Opera's Artists in Residence will perform a farewell recital in May.

Elise Quagliata, mezzo-soprano, has recently garnered notice for her dynamic stage presence, theatrical range and musical intelligence. In 2008, Ms. Quagliata was heard at Florida Grand Opera as Cornelia in *Guilio Cesare* and Carmen in *La Tragedie de Carmen* with Opera Omaha. Her 2006 performance of Carmen with Pensacola Opera captivated the critics, one of whom pronounced her "one of the finest Carmens I have ever seen" (Mobile Register) and another "simply riveting" (Pensacola News Journal). Her "striking, bold tone, superb diction and excellent acting" (Des Moines Register) was also noted in her performance of Nicklausse in *Les contes d'Hoffmann* for Des Moines Metro Opera.

For more information about the Salon Series or any of the other programs of Pensacola Opera, contact the Opera Center at (850) 433-6737 or visit www.pensacolaopera.com.