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**F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E**

### **City Summer Opera To Present Gordon Getty's 'Plump Jack'**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 8, 2002 — *Plump Jack*, an opera by Gordon Getty based on the Falstaff stories from Shakespeare's *Henry IV*, will be presented this summer by the City College of San Francisco Music and Theatre Arts Departments.

*Plump Jack*, an opera in two acts, tells a poignant story of Falstaff, the most beloved comic character in the entire Shakespearean canon, and his influence on the young and impressionable Hal, the future King.

Gordon Getty was honored as an Outstanding American Composer at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 1986. His music has been performed in various venues throughout the world.

Jo Vincent Parks stars as Falstaff, Elender Wall portrays Mistress Quickly, John Lum is Hal, William Brockmeier is Henry IV and Kay Kleinerman is Clarence. Stage direction is by David Parr with musical direction by Michael Shahani.

The Opening Night performance on Thursday, July 18 is a special Fundraiser to benefit the City Summer Opera and the Diego Rivera Mural Project. Ann and Gordon Getty are the Honorary Co-Chairs and Debra Dooley the Event Chair for the *Plump Jack/Diego Rivera Evening*. Tickets are \$100 for the Celebration.

The Celebration evening will begin at 6 P.M. with mariachi music and a cocktail buffet catered by Bix, with wines donated by Gavin and Kimberly Guilfoyle Newsom and the *Plump Jack Group*. Julia Bergman, "curator" of CCSF's fresco *Marriage of the Artistic Expression of the North and of the South on this Continent* by Mexican muralist Diego Rivera, will talk about the life and work of Rivera. Commissioned for and residing at CCSF, the 'Pan American Unity' mural was created by Rivera in 1941. Fittingly displayed in an institution that provides educational opportunities for over 102,000 diverse San Franciscans, Rivera designed 'Pan American Unity' as a public work to promote cultural awareness among and fusion of the Americas. The city of San Francisco serves as a backdrop for the mural's five panels. For tickets to this special evening, call the Celebration reservation line at (415) 239-3971.

Regular performance dates for *Plump Jack* will be Fridays, July 19 and 26, Saturday, July 27 at 8 P.M., with a special matinee performance on Sunday, July 21 at 2 P.M. in the Diego Rivera Theatre, 50 Phelan Ave. at Judson Avenue. Tickets for the regular performances are \$20 for general admission, with discounts to \$10 for students and seniors. For Opera Performance Reservations and Information, please call (415) 239-3132.