



# **Tantramar Seniors' College: Course Outline**

## **Opera Appreciation**

**Instructor: Beverly True**

**Winter, 2011**

This course will assist participants in developing an appreciation of opera. Class presentations will be synchronized with the Empire Theatres' 2010-11 live transmissions from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. The class for each opera will occur the Wednesday prior to the Saturday live broadcast of the first performance of that opera. In winter/spring, 2011, the schedule for the first live broadcast of each opera is as follows:

Jan. 8-La Fanciulla Del West; Feb. 26-Iphigenie En Tauride; March 19-Lucia Di Lammermoor;  
April 9-Le Comte Ory; April 23-Capriccio; April 30-II Trovatore;  
May 14-Die Walkure.

Classes will be held from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Tantramar Theatre, Victoria Street, Amherst. Since this course is continuing from the fall, there will be a class on Jan. 5, the week prior to La Fanciulla Del West.

Instructor, Beverly True, holds a Masters Degree in Library Science and is the retired chief librarian of the Cumberland County Regional Library Service. She was one of the founders of the Amherst Drama Society, she has directed several musicals, and continues to teach voice privately. Prior to her work as a librarian, Beverly achieved a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Pedagogy from the New England Conservatory of Music. She studied opera with Boris Goldovsky and Sarah Caldwell, and performed in the chorus of Berlioz's opera "Les Troyens" at the Boston Opera House. She also worked with the Arundel Opera Theatre in Maine and with Allenbery Playhouse in Pennsylvania, performing in opera, musical theatre, and drama.

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**Attendance/Absenteeism:** Our instructors are volunteers who work very hard putting courses together. Your cooperation is appreciated in letting them know if you are unable to attend classes as most instructors plan for the number of students registered in the course. If circumstances change between registration and the first class, or if you decide to withdraw after the first or second class, please e-mail the coordinator at [tscordinator@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:tscordinator@nbnet.nb.ca) or call her at 506-364-2780. Many courses have a wait list and this could allow someone else to take your place.