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***Opera San José opens its 30th Anniversary Season
with Verdi's amusing masterpiece
Falstaff***

What: **Opera San José** opens its 30th Anniversary Season with Giuseppe Verdi's ***Falstaff***. Loosely based on Shakespeare's comedy *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, ***Falstaff*** is a whimsical tale of greed and deception as an old portly knight tries to recapture his youth by attempting to entice two wealthy married women, who in turn trick and humiliate him for his deceitful lewdness. ***Falstaff*** will be sung in Italian with English supertitles. Eight performances are scheduled from September 7 through 22 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, online at operasj.org or by phone at (408) 437-4450. The production of ***Falstaff*** is made possible, in part by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

Who: Composer: Giuseppe Verdi
Librettist: Arrigo Boito
Conductor: Andrew Whitfield
Assistant Conductor: Ming Luke
Stage Director: José Maria Condemi
Set Designer: Steven Kemp
Costume Designer: Costumes Supplied by Malabar Limited, Toronto
Lighting Designer: David Lee Cuthbert
Wigs/Makeup: Jeanna Parham

Dates: September 7, 8m, 12, 14, 15m, 17, 20, 22m; 2013

Time: "m" indicates matinee at 3pm; all other performances are at 8pm

Location: California Theatre, 345 South First Street between San Carlos and San Salvador, San José

Tickets: \$51–\$111 (includes city facility usage fee) from Opera San José Box Office, 2149 Paragon Dr., San José, CA 95131; 408-437-4450; 408-437-4455 fax; operasj.org
Available 90 minutes prior to curtain at the California Theatre box office only: Seniors (65 and older) 10% discount; Students 25 and younger (with current student ID) \$11 (cash only)

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