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### ***Opera San José Receives 4-Star Rating for Fiscal Management***

**SAN JOSE, CA** - Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent evaluator of charities, has given its highest rating, four stars, to Opera San José for the second consecutive year, giving the company its sixth overall 4-star rating. This rating, according to the New Jersey-based organization, indicates that Opera San José has demonstrated its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances, receiving four out of a possible four stars. "Only 18% of the charities we've rated have received at least two consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Opera San José outperforms most charities in America. This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Opera San José from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Opera San José General Director Irene Dalis said her company is pleased to receive this national recognition once again. "With 28 seasons in the black," said Dalis, "we've shown that we know how to handle our resources. We simply don't spend what we don't have. Our sixth 4-star rating by Charity Navigator highlights this careful stewardship of funding. We're deeply committed to artistic integrity while appreciating the realities of the bottom line. We hope our donors will continue to be encouraged by all our accomplishments."

In its updated review of Opera San José, Charity Navigator awarded the company an overall score of 62.18 out of a possible 70 points. By comparison, the Metropolitan Opera Association (three stars) received 56.22, San Francisco Opera Association (three stars) received 51.94, and the Los Angeles Opera Company (two stars) received 44.21. Charity Navigator's review of Opera San José's fiscal health can be accessed at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).

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