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Lyric Soprano **YELENA DUDOCHKIN** burst onto the opera scene as “a welcome change of pace” this past year. She debuted with *Opera Boston* as Podtochina's Daughter in *The Nose* in February 2009 with great success, and recently won First Prize in the *American Fine Arts Festival* competition, subsequently performing in the winner's concert at *Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall*. She has also performed as a soloist to much acclaim, in numerous prestigious venues such as *Alice Tully Hall* in New York, *Jordan Hall* at the New England Conservatory, *Mikkeli Hall* in Finland, *Palazzo di Boncompagni* in Italy, and the Russian Consulate in New York. She graduated from Columbia University while studying piano with Oxana Yablonskaya at *Julliard* and voice at *Manhattan School of Music* with Lynne Owen, performing in many concerts as a soprano soloist. Yelena was then invited to join *The Mariinsky Opera Academy for Young Singers*, where she was encouraged by Elena Obraztsova and Larisa Gergieva to pursue a career in opera. In fall 2009 Yelena performed in numerous opera concerts, studied with Mirella Freni in Italy and will return to the Mariinsky in the spring. Previous Composer Anniversary Series at New England Conservatory include: Salute to Dmitry Shostakovich; Tribute to Michail Glinka; Celebration of Elgar and Chaminade; and Salute to Puccini on his Centennial.

LISA ENRIGHT is the Director of Academic Advising at Rivier College. She received her M.A. in Communication degree from the State University of New York at Albany in 1994 and B.A. in Political Science degree from Utica College of Syracuse University, in 1993. Lisa joined Rivier College in May 2002 as the Evening Academic Advisor before being promoted to Director of Advising in July 2004. Lisa now oversees both day and evening nursing advising offices and also continues to serve as the academic advisor for all B.S. evening nursing students. Before coming to Rivier, Lisa served as an adjunct humanities faculty member and academic advisor at New Hampshire Community Technical College (NHCTC) at Nashua. Prior to working at NHCTC, Lisa was the Elderhostel Summer Program Coordinator and Marketing Assistant for the University of New England's (UNE) Office of Continuing Education, Biddeford, ME. Before going to UNE, Lisa worked as a Staff Assistant for the Office of the Provost, State University of New York System Administration. Lisa is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors (NACADA).

Dr. SUSAN E. GATELY has over 30 years of experience in special education in both public and private school settings. She started her career as a learning disabilities specialist and as a special education self contained classroom teacher. She worked as the Assistant Director of Education in charge of curriculum and instruction at a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children and as a special education administrator for a small regional school in Massachusetts. She has also been a consultant to school districts in areas of literacy development for students with disabilities, behavior management, and assessment. Currently Dr. Gately is an associate professor of education and Director of the General Special Education certification program at Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire.

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Dr. BRYAN J. HIGGS holds a B.Sc. in Physics from the University of Liverpool, UK, and M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in Physics from Yale University. In 1974, he moved into the computer industry and joined Digital Equipment Corporation where he worked for 20 years in a variety of positions. In 1994, Dr. Higgs transferred to Oracle, together with the rest of Digital's Database group, and worked in their Software Engineering group for 7 years. In 2002, Dr. Higgs joined the full-time Computer Science faculty at Rivier College, and retired in 2008. His major interests are database systems, programming languages (especially Java and C/C++), computer security, and Web development. Recently, he has become interested in scripting languages, including Perl, Python, JavaScript, PHP, and Ruby.

JENNIFER LISKOW is Rivier's Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications and teaches in the College's Professional Communications program. Jennifer earned her bachelor's in English and communications from Notre Dame College in Manchester, N.H. in 1996. In 2002, she completed her master's in writing and literature at Rivier. She began writing in junior high school; since then, she has had poems, short stories, features and essays published. She serves on the Board of Directors for NH Roller Derby, the state's first competitive flat-track roller derby league.

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NANCY LUCCI will earn her Masters in Educational Studies/Counseling Concentration in May 2010. She recently accepted the position of Program Director of Early Supports and Services at Gateways Community Services where she has worked since 2003. Nancy resides in Londonderry, New Hampshire with her husband Alan and their four children. Nancy earned an Associates of Arts at Rivier College in 1994 and is happy to be amongst the Rivier College community once again, pursuing her passion. Nancy is registered to begin the C.A.G.S. in mental health counseling and school psychology beginning in May 2010.

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Upon completion of his undergraduate education at Louisiana College, **Dr. JOEL L. STAKE** began working at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on his master's degree during which he first started studying scleractinian

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