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Lyric Opera of Kansas City and Solar Link US Inc. Announce Solar Energy Partnership for New Opera Center

*Two Solar Panel Arrays Installed on Roofs of New Permanent Home of the
Lyric Opera in East Crossroads*

Kansas City, MO (July 17, 2012) — The Lyric Opera of Kansas City today announced a partnership with Solar Link US Inc. to install two solar arrays on the soon-to-open Opera Center located in the East Crossroads. This unique partnership is the first renewable energy project in the state of Missouri between an arts organization and Solar Link. The solar panels will be located on the roofs of the Production Arts and Administration buildings of the Opera Center.

“The Lyric Opera is delighted that it will be able to take advantage of the large flat roofs of the Opera Center buildings to generate a substantial amount of electrical energy for its operations,” said Vice President and General Counsel of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Don Dagenais of Lathrop & Gage, who negotiated the agreement. “Solar Link US has been very creative in putting together this unusual partnership with a nonprofit entity. We are excited that the Lyric Opera can be part of the “green” movement in making these buildings energy friendly.”

The solar array is comprised of two 25 kilowatt systems featuring a total of 228 panels. The system will produce 70,300 kilowatt hours during the first year, which is enough to offset estimated energy bills between 25 and 30%. To provide a tangible comparison, 70,300 kilowatt hours is equal to:

- Running the lighting and computers in a small office for 7 years.
- Running 50 big screen TV’s around the clock for 195 days.
- Drying 11,710 loads of laundry with a residential dryer.

Once installed, the Opera Center solar panels will help produce clean electricity from the sun and will help preserve the environment in Kansas City, MO by eliminating power plant emissions totaling approximately 1,442 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) which is equivalent to planting 7,210 trees or reducing driving by 288,400 auto miles over the 25 year life span of the system.

Solar Link specializes in medium and large-scale solar energy systems design and installation with expertise in developing commercial, industrial and utility-scale solar arrays. Solar Link provides custom solar solutions that address both energy and economic needs. The high quality of their solar components leads to a rapid return on investment for customers which include hospitals, office buildings, multi-family housing developments and heavy industrial operations and electric utilities. Solar Link provides solar energy systems for electricity generation and solar farms, solar consulting and custom design services to ensure development of the best system and optimal performance, solar thermal systems for hot water and solar tracking systems to ensure the best solar energy distribution.

Cory McDonald, Senior Vice President of Solar Link stated, “Solar Link is excited to partner with the Lyric Opera of Kansas City on this important project. Installing a solar energy system that is efficient and clean, demonstrates a real commitment to help make a difference for the community and our environment.”

The installation of the solar panel array is one of the final components of the Company’s capital campaign for the renovation of property in east Crossroads in downtown Kansas City for its new Opera Center complex. In 2007, the Lyric Opera purchased properties at 18th and Charlotte Streets in the Kansas City Crossroads Arts District. The Opera Center complex consists of two buildings: a Production Arts building and an Administrative building with set rental inventory storage. The Production Arts building includes a rehearsal space that matches the footprint of the stage of the Muriel Kauffman Theatre at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. The Production Arts building also houses a full wig, costume and set construction shop and facilities for educational and community outreach programs. Such an integrated and dedicated production facility did not exist in Kansas City; the Company envisions the Production Arts building becoming a resource for other local performing arts companies. The public celebration of the new permanent home of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City is scheduled for early September.

About Lyric Opera of Kansas City

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City was founded in 1958. It is one of the nation’s premier regional opera companies and brings high quality live operatic performances to the people of the Kansas City area and a five-state region. Repertoire choices encompass original language performances of standard repertory as well as contemporary and American operas. The Company seeks to mount productions that enrich the community it serves, as well as reflect the highest artistic

standards of the profession. The Lyric Opera offers innovative and award-winning programs designed to further music and arts education both in schools and in the community and serves over 18,000 students and educators each year. For more information, please visit kcopera.org.

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