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CAMBRIDGE OPERA, 106 HARVEY STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140

Monday, April 8th, 2002

Dear Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Davis, City Council Members, and City Clerk Drury,

We were very touched by and so appreciated your very kind resolution concerning our production of the opera about Julia Child, *BON APPETIT!* with its accompanying songs about cuisine and the guest chefs from Cambridge.

What a thoughtful and generous thing for you to do; it made us feel so great to receive it in the mail. We are a small company, but to the best of our knowledge we are Cambridge's only professional opera company (we began in 1995), yet somehow now that you've recognized us we feel much more official!

My temporarily sad news is that D'Anna Fortunato, the wonderful mezzo-soprano who will portray Julia Child, came down with pneumonia and has had a hard time getting her health back to the point where she can perform this role by May 11th and keep going to her teaching jobs as well (at Longy School of Music in Cambridge and New England Conservatory of Music in Boston). She is on the mend, but it's just too early for her to do all that's required to get this performance ready.

We are hoping to re-schedule for early November or early May, and in any case we will do a concert, as usual, at those times. So *BON APPETIT!* will occur at one of those times (whichever works best for D'Anna), and at the other time we'll present either *An Evening in Paris* or another concert we have planned that will feature songs and arias about the sun, moon, and stars.

We hope you can all come to one or more of our fun operatic evenings with narration and food (we always have both!) and I will write to you when *BON APPETIT!* is re-scheduled. Again thank you so very much for your kind recognition. You made us feel like a million bucks.

Sincerely,

Susan Cooke

Susan Cooke,
Artistic Director and Mezzo-Soprano,
Cambridge Opera

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Consent Communication #5

A communication was received from Susan Cooke, Cambridge Opera, transmitting appreciation for the resolution on their production of the opera about Julia Child, BON APPETIT! and the cancellation of the May 11th performance.

In City Council April 22, 2002

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