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### ***New England Light Opera Releases CD of Hit Original Show***

(Lexington, MA) New England Light Opera (NELO), the Boston area's professional operetta and musical theater company is releasing a CD of their hit show from last season *Yes, Yes, Jeannette! A Musical Fantasy on Jeannette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy*. The CD will be available at their Victor Herbert celebration shows October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> for just \$15 or through their website, [www.newenglandlightopera.org](http://www.newenglandlightopera.org), at the cost of \$17.50 (including shipping.)

The show *Yes, Yes, Jeannette!* was based on the working relationship between the movie actors Jeannette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, considered to be America's Singing Sweethearts during the 1930s. The music in the show is a combination of excerpts from the original operetta sources as well as arrangements from the movies. The CD features songs by Gershwin, Victor Herbert, Sigmund Romberg, Noel Coward, and other greats from American operetta.

The cast of NELO's February 2009 production is reunited on the CD. **Soprano Jean Danton** is featured as Jeannette. Ms. Danton has performed under conductors Christopher Hogwood, Helmuth Rilling, Martin Pearlman, John Finney, Bruce Hangen and Keith Lockhart. She made her Carnegie Hall debut with the Masterwork Chorus and her Lincoln Center debut at Avery Fisher Hall with the National Chorale, in both instances performing Handel's Messiah. **Sara Ann Mitchell sings as Jeannette's movie persona.** Ms. Mitchell has performed throughout the country with companies such as: Ohio Light Opera, Boston Opera Collaborative, Juventas New Music, and New England Light Opera. **Mark D. Morgan**, the Artistic Director of NELO, portrays Nelson Eddy on the CD. Mr. Morgan has performed major roles with the Lyric Stage of Boston, Ocean State Lyric Opera, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Ohio Light Opera, Colorado Lyric Theater Festival, and Opera Boston.

CDs are available at NELO's first show of the 2009-10 season: *Ah Sweet Mystery! An 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Victor Herbert* on **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm** at Hancock Church, 1912 Massachusetts Ave in Lexington, **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** at Hamilton Wenham Community House in Hamilton and **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 8pm** at Pickman Concert Hall located at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge. Information about the performances and purchasing the CD can be found at [www.newenglandlightopera.org](http://www.newenglandlightopera.org).

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Founded in 2001, the New England Light Opera (NELO) has a three-fold mission to fill a major gap in Greater Boston's cultural life by staging productions and concerts of operetta and early musical theatre, in English; to support Boston's artistic community by offering professional performance opportunities to local singers, actors, instrumentalists, directors, technicians and others; and to increase the accessibility to, and protect the historical legacy of, significant works of light opera and musical theatre through research, reconstruction, translation and performance. For more information, visit us on the web at [www.newenglandlightopera.org](http://www.newenglandlightopera.org).

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