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Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District Makes Valentine’s Day a Little Sweeter with a Discounted Dinner for Two and *Così fan tutte*

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – Feb. 6, 2015 – For a limited time, Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District is offering a Valentine’s Day deal through a special partnership with Grille 401. If purchased now through Friday, February 13, Broward County residents can receive two Orchestra Level Tickets to Florida Grand Opera’s presentation of *Così fan tutte* at Broward Center for the Performing Arts, \$50 off a meal at Grille 401 on Las Olas Boulevard, and a free dessert for just \$150.

Così fan tutte tells the story of two military officers, who decide they will test the faithfulness of their fiancées by wearing disguises. The comedic romp of an opera is set to Mozart's masterful music, and has performances on Thursday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 14, both at 7:30 p.m. at Broward Center for the Performing Arts, located at 201 Southwest 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Fla 33312. The best gift of all is planning the perfect Valentine’s Day date.

The offer is valid for both evenings of *Così fan tutte*, and reservations for seating at Grille 401 must take place between 4:30 pm and 6:00 p.m. To claim this exciting offer, Broward residents can simply use the promo code SWEET150 when calling the Box Office at 800-741-1010, Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The promo code may also be used securely online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at www.FGO.org. The \$50 off dinner and free dessert voucher will be sent via e-mail.

Grille 401 offers fresh and innovative contemporary cuisine through seasonal menus and authentic local flavors. The restaurant is located at 401 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Fla 33301. Customer will be responsible for paying the balance of their meal should it exceed the \$50 covered by the voucher. Advance reservations are required.

About Florida Grand Opera

Founded in 1941 as Greater Miami Opera and later merging with The Opera Guild Inc. in 1994, FGO presents a mixture of standard repertoire and contemporary works as well as commissions and new productions – all featuring projected translations in English and Spanish. FGO is recognized for funding by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Funding is also provided, in part, by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, Cultural Affairs Council, the Mayor and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council. Program support is provided by the City of Miami Beach, Cultural Affairs Program, Cultural Arts Council. Florida Grand Opera is a Resident Company of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County and a member company of

OPERA America. Intercontinental Miami is the Official Hotel and Steinway & Sons is the Official Piano of Florida Grand Opera.

About Broward Center for the Performing Arts

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America's premier performing arts venues, consistently ranked among the top 10 in the country. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving more than 150,000 students annually. In 2007, the Broward Center was named the Cultural Embassy of Broward County in recognition of its success in linking cultural activity with the region's economic development. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop, and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit www.BrowardCenter.org.

About Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District

Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District is a unique partnership of arts and entertainment organizations located along the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale with the express mission of promoting cultural tourism in South Florida. Presenting over 1000 individual events each year, The District attracts well over 1 million visitors annually. Partners of The District Consortium include Broward Center for the Performing Arts, NSU Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, the Historic Stranahan House Museum and Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information about The District and its partners, visit www.riverwalkae.com.

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