Humanities West & Mechanics’ Institute Present

Medicean Music and Francesca Caccini:

Virtuosa to the Medici

Lecture-Discussion with Kip Cranna and Richard Savino

Thursday, April 22, 2010

5:00pm Reception at Rangoni Firenze Shoes, 61 Post Street
6pm Lecture at Mechanics’ Institute, 57 Post Street
San Francisco, CA

Kip Cranna (SF Opera) gives a brief presentation on the music in the Medicean world. Richard Savino (CSU Sacramento) will discuss Francesca Caccini, composer of the first published opera by a woman, including her role within the Medici court, her relationship with her father, Giulio Caccini (author of the most important singing treatise of the early Baroque period), and her friendship with Artemisia Gentileschi, one of the most important women painters of the early seventeenth century. Savino will also perform Caccini’s music on the guitar and theorbo.

A pre-lecture reception will be hosted by Rangoni Firenze Shoes immediately prior to the presentation. (The store is located on the street level of the Mechanics’ Institute building)

This presentation complements the upcoming Humanities West 25th Anniversary program *The Florence of the Medici: Commerce, Power and Art in Renaissance Italy* a two-day program of lectures, discussions, and music exploring the outburst of artistic and intellectual creativity that put Florence on the cutting edge of changes that transformed western culture. The program takes place on April 30 and May 1, 2010, at Herbst Theatre, in San Francisco. For more information call Humanities West at 415/391-9700 or check the website at: www.humanitieswest.org.

(*see additional news release)

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