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### **New York Art Critic to Present Art at Benefit for Salisbury House and Des Moines Metro Opera**

Des Moines, IA (September 13, 2012) Salisbury House & Gardens and Des Moines Metro Opera are pleased to announce a joint benefit that will feature leading New York art dealer and critic, Walter Edelman. Mr. Edelman will present more than 400 works of art at a unique fundraising event to benefit two of Des Moines' most prominent arts organizations: Salisbury House & Gardens and Des Moines Metro Opera.

The Art at the Castle event that will be held on Thursday, November 8, will enable guests the opportunity to view and purchase canvasses in oil, watercolor and pastel with the assistance of Mr. Edelman.

Edelman, president of Edelman Fine Arts Ltd., of New York, has spent more than 45 years as an art dealer and lecturer. Besides traveling worldwide to buy and sell art, he conducts more than 200 shows a year as fundraisers for art museums and major foundations. Mr. Edelman assists public, private and corporate collectors and prominent entertainment industry figures in building their art collections.

While Edelman is an expert on art techniques of the Old Masters, the period from the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> centuries which produced artists such as Rembrandt, Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Bruegel, he is also a frequent lecturer on art from the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

A percentage of the purchase price of works sold through the Art at the Castle event will benefit both Salisbury House and Des Moines Metro Opera. Patrick Van Nice Interiors, LLC is the local presenting sponsor. For additional information on the event, please email [artatthecastle@gmail.com](mailto:artatthecastle@gmail.com).

*Salisbury House & Gardens is a private, non-profit organization governed by the Salisbury House Foundation. Located in the Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood in the heart Des Moines, Salisbury House & Gardens is historic house museum that is open to the public and welcomes thousands of guests each year for its cultural, historical, educational and social events. Completed in 1928, Carl and Edith Weeks*

*modeled their country estate after the King's House in Salisbury, England. The 42 room English manor is filled with valuable collections from the Weeks family estate including art, literature, tapestries and other worldly items. More information is available at [www.salisburyhouse.org](http://www.salisburyhouse.org).*

***Des Moines Metro Opera**, founded in 1973, is an independent, non-profit, professional opera company dedicated to bringing world-class opera productions and vital performing arts education to central Iowa. In addition to providing mainstage productions, Des Moines Metro Opera is responsible for OPERA Iowa Educational Touring Troupe, which brings opera to classrooms across Iowa to more than 20,000 students, OPERAtion Opera Community Outreach Program, which works to provide opera to underserved and at-risk audiences, the Apprentice Artist Program, one of the largest vocal training programs in the country and the Design and Production Internship Program, a training program for students within the theater arts who wish to expand and gain experiences and skills necessary for a successful professional career. In 2013, the Company will present its 41<sup>st</sup> Festival Season, from June 21 through July 14, 2013, at the Blank Performing Arts Center in Indianola. Featured will be Gounod's Romeo and Juliet, Britten's Peter Grimes and Strauss' Elektra. More information is available at [www.desmoinesmetroopera.org](http://www.desmoinesmetroopera.org).*

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