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Singing Sensation Marc Antonelli to Perform at Stockton's 31st Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala

Rising Star Performs Classical, Pop and Jazz Blended With a Touch of Rock and Roll

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Galloway Township, NJ- At only 23 years of age, Marc Antonelli has quickly become a singing sensation with a unique repertoire of opera and classical ballads mixed with rock and roll.

Antonelli, along with Stockton's Faculty Band, will perform at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's 31st Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa on **Saturday, April 30, 2011**. Cocktails and a silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. and Antonelli's performance will begin at 9:00 p.m.

A native of Hanson, Massachusetts, Antonelli was a member of his high school musical theater program, but he fell in love with opera upon meeting opera singer Martina Ferrante, who soon after became his first voice teacher.

Antonelli graduated from Berklee College of Music in 2009. He has studied with Ric Poulin, the head pop instructor at Bristol Studios, Duane Moody of the famous "The Three Mo Tenors" and he currently studies with world renowned vocal coach Sal Dupree.

He has mastered singing in English, Italian, Spanish and French, and he is no stranger to Fenway Park, where he sang "God Bless America" during a televised national event.

Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., said, "With his unique style and charisma, it's no surprise that Marc Antonelli has become a rising star in the singing arena and a local celebrity. We are very excited that he will be performing at our gala alongside our very own Faculty Band."

Last year, Antonelli moved to Brigantine and began performing at the Tropicana's Tango Lounge in April.

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By October, he was performing his show "One on One With Marc Antonelli" in the Tropicana's Showroom, and earlier this month, Antonelli headlined "Unknown to Irresistible."

Antonelli describes his style as eclectic, and he has a passion for songs sung by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Al Martino and Michael Buble. He has performed for Legendary World Boxing Champions, The Mohegan Sun Arena and at a number of casinos and resorts.

To purchase a ticket for the gala, donate an auction item or make a donation to the Richard Stockton College Foundation, please visit www.stockton.edu/benefitgala or call the College's Office of Development at 609-652-4527.

For the second consecutive year, Auggie Cipollini, senior vice president of operations at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, will serve as the honorary chairman for the gala. This year's gala chairs are Gayle and Dr. Howard Gross. Gayle Gross is the chair of the Stockton College Foundation, and Dr. Howard Gross is the founder of Horizon Eye Care.

Dr. Saatkamp said, "Gala contributions directly affect the lives of our students who have the potential to become the next generation of leaders in our communities. Today, we make a difference for our students, and tomorrow our students will make a difference for our region."

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