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Keenan, John.

Recognition ceremony in honor of John Keenan /  
award presented by Village Trustee Paul Brown. -  
Valley Stream Historical Society, January 8, 1993.  
1 cassette.

NOTE: Recognition ceremony honoring John Keenan  
was held in the Central High School Keller Auditorium  
on January 8, 1993. John Keenan speaks about his career  
in music leading to his present position as one of the  
youngest conductors of the Metropolitan Opera.

1. Keenan, John. 2. Valley Stream (N.Y.) - History.  
I. Valley Stream Historical Society. II. Brown, Paul.  
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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Outline of Recognition Ceremony - Prepared by Helen Dowdeswell.
2. Recognition Ceremony Program.



**Village of Valley Stream  
and  
Valley Stream Central High School District**

**Recognition Ceremony  
in honor of**

**JOHN KEENAN**

**January 8, 1993 10:15 a.m.  
Central High School's Keller Auditorium**

**Program**

**Music by the Central High School Pep Band  
Robert A. Pratt, Director**

- Welcome and Introduction . . . . . Dr. Donald A. Howard,  
Valley Stream CHSD Superintendent of Schools**
- Presentation of Award by Village . . . . . Mr. Paul Brown,  
Village of Valley Stream Trustee  
representing Mayor George Donley**
- Presentations by Central High School . . . . . Dr. John Glynn,  
Central High School Principal  
and  
Lauren Goldwert, Central High School Student Council President**
- Acceptance . . . . . Mr. John Keenan**
- Closing . . . . . Dr. John Glynn**





## JOHN KEENAN

Moving to Sapir Street in Valley Stream in the fifth grade, John Keenan attended Shaw Avenue Elementary School and Memorial Junior High. He began studying piano and composition at an early age, taking Saturday classes at the Manhattan School of Music.

At Central High School where he graduated in 1981, Keenan played both piano and French horn and served as musical director for several shows including "Godspell." He majored in music at the University of Indiana, graduating in 1984. In 1985 he moved to Milan, Italy, to complete studies at the Milan Conservatory and work as an Assistant Conductor at the famous La Scala Opera House and the Rome Opera.

In May of 1988, Keenan made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut with the Manhattan Philharmonic Orchestra. His Metropolitan Opera debut, conducting Mozart's "Don Giovanni," came in November 1990, followed by performances of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro," the next season.

Keenan ranks as one of the youngest conductors in Metropolitan Opera history. He had first joined the Met at the age of 23 as Assistant Chorus Master and was soon promoted to Assistant Conductor to the Music Director. Named Chorus Director for the 1990-91 season, he now serves as one of several principal conductors.

Keenan looks forward to making his debut this summer with the Sante Fe Opera, conducting Puccini's "La Boheme." The previous two summers he was an assistant conductor for the prestigious Wagner Festival in Beyreuth, Germany.

Keenan resides in Manhattan. His parents, John and Dorothy Keenan, still live in Valley Stream on Sapir Street. His older brother and sister, Donald and Lynn, are also graduates of Central High School.