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Enjoy 'Opera in the Park' before dinner

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Beyond the food, there's another reason for staycationers (the term for those who are staying home to vacation this summer) to visit Providence's North End and Charles Street neighborhood this summer.

Hopkins Square, at the corner of Charles Street and Branch Avenue, will be the site of "Opera in the Park — 2008," a series of four free concerts presented by Opera Providence each Sunday in July beginning at 5 p.m. It will be an All-American opera program on July 6 and Italian favorites on July 13. Opera for the whole family will be featured on July 20 and Broadway favorites on July 27.

It's best to get there early and stake out a spot with a lawn chair or blanket. The concerts last about an hour.

Then you can try one of the spots to eat in the neighborhood.

On July 13 and 27, there will be a post-performance dinner celebration at 6:30 p.m. at the new Danella's Restaurant, 332 Atwells Ave, Providence. Reservations are \$50 per person. Reserve at (401) 331-6060 as seating is limited.