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The Community Music Program of Salve Regina College announced today that Merrill Shea of Boston has joined its faculty as an instructor in voice. Mr. Shea is presently titular head of the Opera Company of the Elma Lewis School for the performing arts (National Center of Afro-American Artists), an assistant to David Blaire McClosky, and also teaches voice and voice therapy in his own studio in Boston. He is also now associated with the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary establishing a voice therapy program.

A graduate of Boston University, Mr. Shea studied voice with David Blair McClosky and Mary Davenport. His conducting studies have been with Allen Lannom, Robert Winslow, and James Cunningham, and has studied both at the New England Conservatory and at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.

He is currently preparing a concert version of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" and Scott Joplin's Opera "Treemonisha".

Mr. Shea will be in Newport each Wednesday beginning immediately and those interested in taking this opportunity to study with him can contact the Community Music Program at 847-6650 EXT. 62 or 55.

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