



Not one, but TWO singers with Metropolitan Opera credits will be joining SPO to celebrate

the glory of the season. A holiday tradition, Seasonal Sparkle is a banquet of great music and spectacular performances. The magnificent St. Petersburg Opera Chorus and 40 piece professional orchestra will serve a bounty of song from the British Isles, Germany, and the U.S. including Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols, Mahler Songs from the Youth's Magic Horn, as well as traditional English carols, and other seasonal favorites like "Sleigh Ride" and "O Holy Night."

You will savor our international soloists, including Metropolitan Opera stars Elizabeth Futral and Galen Bower as well as Operatini, SPO's four part harmony quartet featuring two Opera Idols! It's a feast for the whole family and sure to put you in a festive mood!

The Palladium Theater, 253 Fifth Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33701 Tickets from \$22 to \$67, with special pricing for families. Call 727-823-2040 for details. Or purchase tickets online at [www.stpeteopera.org](http://www.stpeteopera.org). Special holiday refreshments from Everything Dolce will be available for purchase at the Palladium. Bus transportation from Clearwater may be available for the Sunday matinee. Call 727-823-2040 for pricing and details.

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## SILVER BELLS

St. Petersburg Opera Co. and Maestro Mark Sforzini will present an original revue, featuring SPO singers and orchestra, at SILVER BELLS IN SEVILLA, the Florida Suncoast Opera Guild's annual holiday luncheon on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Held in the lavishly decorated St. Petersburg Yacht Club, the entertainment is a highlight of the holiday social scene.

Silver Bells is the principal fundraiser for the opera guild and the proceeds go to fund educational programs at St. Petersburg Opera and to sponsor the annual competitions for young singers. St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, 33701. Tickets \$75. Advance reservations required. Info at 727-367-2975.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter  
of  
Pinellas Opera League

DECEMBER, 2014

### Luncheon Meeting:

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Social time begins at 11:00 a.m., business meeting at 11:30 a.m., program at 11:45 a.m., and lunch is served at 12:30 p.m.

Dunedin Country Club, 1050 Palm Boulevard, Dunedin, FL 34698

Menu: Salad and rolls, carved steak, baked potato, mixture of broccoli and cauliflower, chocolate sundae

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST be made by FRIDAY, November 29 and cancellations by Saturday MORNING, November 30. Contact Nancy @727-738-4007. Please be sure to call in your reservations on time.

At the May meeting, the membership voted to increase the price of the luncheons to \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members, payable in cash or check made out to Pinellas Opera League. Please have exact change if paying in cash.

REMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR 50/50 AT THE DOOR.

LUNCHEON SPONSORS: If you sponsor our luncheon, you get to sit at the performers' table and chat with the artists. Please contact Nancy Jewitt at 727-738-4007. Thanks to Margarita and Peter Garcia who have donated \$220.00 to cover the artists' luncheons for the rest of the year.

## PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

### LUNCHEON:

St. Petersburg Opera singers

Perri Montané and Lindsay Nuesca will present a program of favorite arias from *Turandot*, *La Forza del Destino*, *Il Trovatore* and *Samson et Dalila* along with holiday standards. Get ready to sing along!



**POL FUNDRAISER:** On Sunday, January 11, from 1-3 we will be having an afternoon tea fundraiser at “Moffat’s Cup Of Tea” located at 355 Scotland St. Dunedin. There is only room for 20 people at the restaurant, so please get your reservation in early. Tickets are \$25.00. This includes cream tea, coffee, and delicious sweet and savory culinary offerings. The Pinellas Opera League will need a \$50.00 deposit to hold the room. Please continue to sign up for our tea at the December luncheon, or download an order form from the POL website. You may also call Wayne Green, our special events chairman, at 727-470-9537.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have one position open on the board: Ways and Means. We also need a substitute to stuff the newsletter for mailing at our monthly board meeting when our regular person can’t make it. Marcia Lork, chairman of our Education Committee, is looking for volunteers to help her with opera classes she is taking into the schools in the fall. Please call Marcia at 727-596-3884. Marcia also has an opera puzzle for the students to do when she visits the classrooms.

**SILENT AUCTION-** Please be sure to bring your items and please be prepared to take them home with you that day. We do not have a storage place for them.

## OPERA ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Will be showing DVD of *Norma* by Vincenzo Bellini, starring Joan Sutherland and Tatiana Troyanos, on Sunday, November 23 at the Safety Harbor Library. The library is located at 101 2nd St. N, Safety Harbor (diagonally across from the Safety Harbor Spa.) Phone 727-724-1525. There is free parking in back of the library. The library opens on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and the DVD begins at 1:30 p.m. This is the fourth Sunday of the month. There will be no December DVD showing, but we will resume January 11 with *Les Troyens*.

**DUES WERE DUE IN OCTOBER!** To ensure that your name will be included in the next membership booklet, published at the beginning of 2015, please submit your application/renewal form along with your payment by December 15th to Herma Moschner at the luncheon or send it to Herma at 910 S. Keystone Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756, phone-727-437-7508. Dues for one year are \$25.00; family/couple \$40.00. The membership form is also on our website. We welcome new members Mary Farr, Kathleen Mullerheim, and Ruth and James Kennedy. Thank you for contributions to the opera league: Mildred Larson, The Verdi Circle; Paul and Mariette Chapman, Joan and Harry McCreary, and Alan Jenkins, The Wagner Circle.

**RUTH ECKERD HALL-** For tickets and information 727-726-5243. The following programs will be in December. Dec. 7, 1:00 p.m. “National Acrobats of China”, Mon, Dec. 22, 2 and 7 p.m. “A Christmas Carol”; Dec. 31, 8:00 p.m. “Á Salute To Vienna” (The New Years Concert). “Dare To Dream” will be holding their auditions Jan, 7, 8, 12, with the finals March, 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Capitol Theater.

**LIVE FROM THE MET-** Saturday, November 22, at 12:55 p.m. Rossini’s *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* (running time 3 hrs. 25 minutes) and December 13 at 12:00 p.m., *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* (running time 3 hours 50 minutes) at the AMC Woodlands Square in Oldsmar, Pinellas Park Regal Theaters, and at the Regal Citrus Park in Tampa. Tickets for seniors are \$23.

**OPERA TAMPA: FLORIDA OPERA FESTIVAL:** Three Sunday performances and one Saturday performance: festival 4 pack, \$195.00, and single tickets, \$45.00 and \$70.00. \$45.00 for “New Voices In Concert” \$70.00 for the remaining programs. Both include Level B seating, service fees, and free roundtrip bus transportation on a luxury motor coach.

Submit your order form with check to Wayne Green or mail to Wayne at 1340 Bayshore Blvd. #407, Dunedin, FL 34698. Make checks payable to the Pinellas Opera League.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2:00 p.m.: “New Voices in Concert”

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2:00 p.m.: Verdi’s *Rigoletto*  
Saturday, Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m.: Marcello Giordani  
Sunday, March 15, 2:00 p.m.: Puccini’s *Madama Butterfly*.

Deadline for tickets December 3, 2014. Please advise if you need special assistance for seating on arrival at the Straz Center. Pickup 12:30 p.m. Clearwater Mall-Us 19 and Gulf-To-Bay (Lowe’s’ Garden Center parking lot) and 5:30 p.m. for the evening performance by Marcello Giordani.

**OPERA AT THE DALI** concert series is held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Emerging opera artists give a 20 minute performances on the spiral staircase at the museum, FREE. The Dali Museum is at 1 Dali Blvd. (Bayshore Dr.) SE and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, St. Petersburg, FL. Call 727-823-3767 for the weekly opera performers singing. The Dali/Picasso exhibit opened November 8 and runs through February 18.

Check our website under local opera for other programs being offered at our area venues for Tarpon Springs Cultural Center, St. Petersburg Opera, Opera Tampa, and Sarasota Opera.

The AMC Cobb Theater at the Westfield Countryside Mall is occasionally showing operas live from the Royal Theater in London, the same as Live from the Met is shown locally. Check the Cobb Theater for listings as well as show times on your internet. Address 2700 US 19 N. Clearwater, FL. 33761; 727-683-0009.