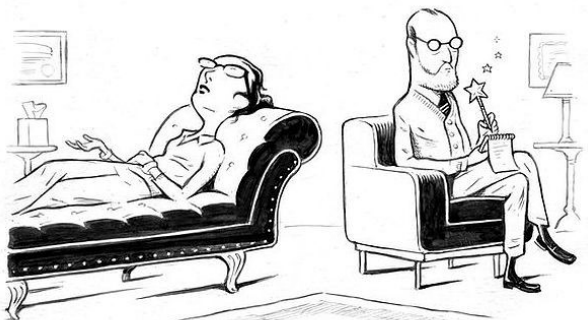


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I don't mean to interrupt, but have you ever realized your life would make a great opera?

In the March edition of Evenings and Mornings with the Maestro, entitled "Back to the Couch: Opera Therapy 2," Maestro Sforzini, the Opera Shrink, will "treat" characters who really need help with his trademark wit and our fabulous singers. EWTM is at 6:00 pm at the Music Gallery on Thursday, March 17 and MWTM is at 11 am at the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg on Friday, March 18. Last season, this was one of the most popular Maestro programs, and it's all new this year with new characters and new arias.



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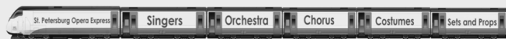
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CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ:

Identify the opera and the character who sings the aria.

"O patria mia" / "My soul is sad" / "L'amour est un oiseau rebelle" / "Mi tradi quell' alma ingrata"

Answers to the February quiz: The opera houses and their locations are:

La Scala – Milan; the Metropolitan – NYC; Palais Garnier – Paris; Teatro Real – Madrid; Cuvilliés Theatre – Munich; Covent Garden – London; Mariinsky Theatre – St. Petersburg, Russia; Century Theatre – Beijing

Do you have opera questions you would like to submit? Please send them to Herma at hm4pol@gmail.com.

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The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter
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MARCH 2016

**Luncheon Meeting:
Wednesday, March 2**

**Dunedin Country Club, 1050 Palm Blvd.,
Dunedin, FL 34698**

11:00 am: Social time

11:30 am: Business meeting

11:45 am: Music program

12:30 pm: Lunch is served

Menu: Salad, rolls, corned beef and cabbage, scalloped apples, parfait

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and MUST be made by MONDAY, February 29 and cancellations by Tuesday, March 1. Contact Nancy @727-738-4007. Please be sure to call in your reservations ON TIME.

The price of the luncheons is \$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.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR 50/50 AT THE DOOR and in the SILENT AUCTION. Donations to the auction of jewelry, art objects, videos, pictures, etc. would be very much appreciated. If your items do not sell, please be prepared to take them home with you that day since we do not have storage facilities available.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH LUNCHEON:



Jenny Kim-Godfrey and Jonathan Godfrey form the soprano and classical guitar duo known as *Corda Voce*. Since 2015 they have intertwined cabaret, classical, and popular music. Recent engagements include the concert series of Guitar Sarasota, the St. Petersburg Opera Guild, and the Gravenhurst Opera House (Ontario).

Both graduates of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Jenny and Jonathan have extensive experience. Jenny's solo performance credits include appearances with St. Petersburg Opera (Emerging Artist and 2014 Opera Idol Winner), the New York Summer Music Festival (Orff's *Carmina Burana*), the Classic Lyric Arts in Italy (Lucia, *Lucia di Lammermoor*), the Catskill Choral Society (Haydn's *Grosse Mariazeller Messe*), and the South Shore Symphony (Handel's *Messiah*); upcoming engagements include concerts with Gloria Musicae (Florida premiere of Libby Larsen's *Barnum's Bird*, title role), and with the Florida Lyric Opera (singing the title role of Prima Donna, from *Viva La Mamma!*).

Jonathan has appeared as a soloist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra, has made solo recordings released by the Embassy of Spain and the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, and is a laureate in several performance and composition competitions (including the top-prizes in the 2010 Competition in the Performance of Music From Spain and Latin America, Indiana University; the 2010 Indianapolis Matinee Musicale Strings Competition; the 2010 National Association of Arts and Letters Instrumental Music Competition; and Grand Prize in the 2011 Boston GuitarFest Composition Competition for his *Sonatina for Solo Guitar*).

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to help Marcia Lork with the "Great American Teach-In" and to participate in outreach programs in our schools and the community.

POL OPERA DVD SHOWING: Our next showing will be Gounod's *Faust*, starring Bryn Terfel on Sunday, March 13 at 1:30 pm in Room A and B at the SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY (diagonally across from the Safety Harbor Spa). Parking is available and admission is FREE. The library will open at 1:00 pm and the showing begins at 1:30 pm. Running time 3 hours. For information call Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486.

LIVE FROM THE MET: At AMC Woodlands Square in Oldsmar, Pinellas Park Regal Theaters and the Regal Citrus Park in Tampa, Miller Auditorium at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg and at Sundial 19 & IMAX in St. Petersburg. Ticket prices vary by theater. Sat. March 5 at 1:00 pm: Puccini's *Manon Lescaut*, 3 hrs. 08 min. Encores at AMC Woodlands Square in Oldsmar and Pinellas Park Regal Theaters are at 6:30 pm on the Wednesday following the original broadcast (March 9 for *Manon Lescaut*.)

POL WEBPAGE: We are looking for someone in our membership with the skills to take over the maintenance of our webpage after June 2016. If interested, please contact any of our officers or send your reply to hm4pol@gmail.com or to the POL P.O. Box address.

MEMBERSHIP: Please note the NEW P.O. BOX ADDRESS FOR THE POL: P.O. Box 4855, Clearwater, FL 33758. In order to ensure that you will receive all POL mailings and notifications, PLEASE NOTIFY US PROMPTLY OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS.

Since POL membership is based on the calendar year, RENEWALS WERE DUE by JANUARY. Dues: Individual \$25.00, couple \$40.00. Application/renewal forms may be downloaded from the POL website--www.pinellasoperaleague.com--and will also be available at the luncheon. Please send your applications and renewals to the address on the form or submit them to Herma at the luncheon.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY RENEWED for 2016 and a warm welcome to new members Monika Gemes and Kitty Grubb!

RUTH ECKERD HALL, CAPITOL THEATER AND THE MURRAY THEATRE, TAMPA BAY'S NEW-EST THEATRE :

At Ruth Eckerd Hall: Tickets 727-791-7400 or www.rutheckerdhall.com
Sunday, March 20 at 3 pm – *Bullets Over Broadway*, a musical comedy by Woody Allen

FLORIDA OPERA FESTIVAL: At the Straz Center Verdi's *La Traviata* in Morsani Hall; Friday, March 11 at 8 pm; Sunday, March 13 at 2 pm

OPEN REHEARSALS 6:30-8:30 pm in Rehearsal Hall, Tickets \$10, limited to 26 tickets per rehearsal date
La Traviata: Thurs., Feb. 25; Mon., Feb. 29; Wed., March 2; Thurs., March 3
Don Giovanni: Tues., March 22; Thurs., March 24; Tues., March 29; Thurs., March 31
Tickets: 813.229.7827 or operatampa.org

CHECK THE POL WEBSITE
www.pinellasoperaleague.com--under "Local Opera" for other programs being offered at our area venues: Tarpon Springs Cultural Center, St. Petersburg Opera, Opera Tampa, and Sarasota Opera.

TARPON SPRINGS:
Giuseppe Verdi's *Macbeth*, a New Century Opera production, Constantine Grame, Executive and Artistic Director, at the Performing Arts Center, 324 Pine St.
March 11 at 7 pm; March 13 at 3 pm; March 16 at 7 pm.
Ticket Prices: Regular \$25; Members and Students \$22
For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.tarponarts.org or call 727.942.5605.

OPERA AT THE DALI: Emerging opera artists give FREE 20-minute performances on the spiral staircase at the museum on THURSDAYS at 6:00 pm. For information on who will be singing call 727-823-3767. The Dali Museum is located at 1 Dali Blvd. (Bayshore Dr.) SE and 5th Avenue SE, St. Petersburg, FL.