

## ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

### Evenings and Mornings with the Maestro: Opera Therapy

We can't deny it any longer - some opera characters are a little crazy! Or we watch them go nuts right before our eyes. Who doesn't love a good mad-scene? Watching the heroine lose her grip is a favorite of opera-lovers the world over. Why do we identify with these whacko characters so easily? Join Maestro Sforzini for group therapy at its finest.

Evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Music Gallery, 5990 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater.

Mornings at 11:00 at Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr., N St. Petersburg

Tickets for all SPO events can be obtained by calling 727-823-2040 or by visiting the SPO website, [www.stpeteopera.org](http://www.stpeteopera.org)



**MASTER CLASS**, a play by Terrence McNally, will be presented in a staged reading by A Simple Theater with arias by Bellini, Puccini, and Verdi presented by SPO artists. Based on

a series of master classes held at Juilliard by Maria Callas.

Saturday, March 14, 2015, 8:00 pm

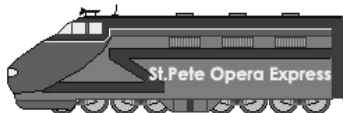
Sunday, March 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

Opera Central, 2145 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Tickets \$20

## OPERA EXPRESS

A family program for students of all ages. Demonstrations, explanations, and live performances de-mystifying opera. Interactive fun throughout the building—sing, build, try on, play.

Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9:30 am—1:00 pm. Opera Central, 2145 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FREE



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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.

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.

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## The Aria



The Monthly Newsletter  
of  
Pinellas Opera League

MARCH 2015

### Luncheon Meeting:

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Social time begins at 11:00 am, business meeting at 11:30 am, program at 11:45 am, and lunch is served at 12:30 pm.

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

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

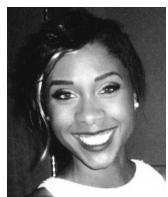
**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST** be made by **FRIDAY**, February 27 and cancellations by Saturday **MORNING**, February 28. Contact Nancy @727-738-4007. Please be sure to call in your reservations on time.

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

**SILENT AUCTION-** Please be sure to bring your jewelry, art objects, videos and pictures to donate to the auction. If they do not sell, please be prepared to take them home with you that day.

## PROGRAM FOR MARCH LUNCHEON:



Briana Moten is a graduate student at the University of South Florida. She was awarded a graduate assistantship as an outstanding candidate in the vocal program. Her recent credits include Lectra in Mozart's *Idomeneo*, Miss Pinkerton in Menotti's *The Old*

*Maid and the Thief*, Motormouth Maybelle in *Hairspray*, and Quina Iglesias in *Inertia: The Musical*. She claims to be a soprano by day and a power lifter by night. Brian is at home singing both classical and jazz repertoire. She is a student in the studio of Dr. Warren Jaworski.

**POL FUNDRAISER CRUISE:** The POL will be having its fundraiser cruise on the "Starlight Majesty" Saturday, March 7, 2015, starting at 12:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$40.00 and will include a sit-down luncheon in an enclosed, climate controlled room, featuring your choice of six entrees served with soup or salad, and dessert prepared on board and served at your table while taking a narrated cruise along the Clearwater Harbor. You may call Wayne Green, our Special Events Chairman, at 727-470-9537 or sign up at our luncheon. See our website [www.pinellasoperaleague.com](http://www.pinellasoperaleague.com) for an application and information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We 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. Please call Marcia at 727-596-3884.

**"MY FAIR LADY" CHAMPAGNE PREMIERE:** Wednesday, February 25, sponsored by the "First Nighters" at 7:00 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Curtain at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$30.00. For reservations, please contact Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole Street, Clearwater, FL 33755. Phone 727-446-1360.

**OPERA DVDs:** Because the Safety Harbor Library is not available to us on Sundays for the next few months, we will be showing our DVDs at different times and different days until June. For March, we will show *Lakme* by Leo Delibes on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 p.m. at the Safety Harbor Library. Written in 1800, this opera features the famous bell song in the second act. The library is located at 101 2nd St. N, Safety Harbor (diagonally across from the Safety Harbor Spa.) There is free parking in back of the library and admission is FREE. Running time is 143 minutes. For information, call Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486

**MEMBERSHIP:** A big THANK YOU to all who have already renewed your membership for 2015. Dues were due in October. Please submit your application/renewal form along with your payment 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. Welcome new members William J. and Kathleen Woods Malsalski, Ruth Greenblatt, Ron Regan and Joyce Runion. Thank you Rano and Bobbie Mueller for donating \$50.00 to the Wagner Circle.

**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 runs through February 18.

**LIVE FROM THE MET:** Saturday, March 14 at 12:55 p.m. Rossini's *La Donna del Lago* (Met premiere starring Joyce DiDonato). Encore is March 18 at 6:30 pm. Running time 3 hrs, 30 min. 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:** Tickets will now be sold individually through Wayne Green until the Opera Festival begins. Be sure to attend the Florida Opera Festival. Remaining tickets are \$70.00 which includes 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.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 7:00 pm: Marcello Giordani  
Sunday, March 15, 2:00 pm: Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*.

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.

## RUTH ECKERD HALL / CAPITOL THEATER:

At Ruth Eckerd Hall: Tickets 727-791-7400.  
Sat. Feb.28, 8:00 pm *Swan Lake* ballet from The Russian National Ballet Theater  
Mon. March 2, 7:30 pm *Jekyll and Hyde*  
Sat. Mar 7, 8:00 m: Paul Anka  
Mon, March 9, 1:00 pm: *Swing Time* Featuring The Jive Aces  
Sun, Mar. 15, 1:00 pm: *Irish Celebration*  
Wed. Mar. 18, 8:00 pm: *Anything Goes*  
Thur Mar. 19 and Fri, Mar. 20, 7:30 pm: John Mellencamp  
Sat. Mar 21, 7:30 pm: Richard Nader's Doo Wop Reunion with Mary Wilson, Little Anthony  
Mon. Mar. 23, 1:00 pm: Sha-Na-Na

At The Capitol Theater, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater: 727-712-2717  
Wed. March 4, 1:00 pm: Jim Stafford  
Thur. March 5, 7:30 pm: Melissa Manchester  
Fri, Mar, 6 and Sat. Mar.7, 8 pm: Tommy Emmanuel  
Sun, Mar 5, 8:00 pm: Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn  
Sun, Mar. 15, 7:00 pm: Rick Springfield  
Thurs. Mar. 19 7:30 pm: Linda Eder  
Fri, Mar. 20, 8:00 pm: Delbert Mc Clinton  
Sun, Mar 22, 3:00 and 7:00 pm: The Bronx Wanderers