

## NEW! BUS TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

In response to requests, we have arranged for bus transportation to SPO's production of *Norma* on Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. and to *West Side Story* on Sunday, July 6 at 2:00 p.m. The bus will leave from Dunedin (exact location to be determined), take you directly to the Palladium and return to Dunedin. With transportation, the prices are Tier A: \$72, Tier B: \$59 and Tier C: \$47. Nancy Preis will have ticket order forms at the May meeting and can sell you tickets at that time, or you can call Anthony at 727-823-2040. **DO NOT CALL THE PALLADIUM** for this offer. It is available only from St. Petersburg Opera.

- *Norma* is the story of a Druid princess in love with a Roman general. They have two children before he falls for Norma's friend, Adalgisa. Bellini wrote the ultimate bel canto opera in *Norma*, and it has been a favorite role for many great sopranos such as Maria Callas, Joan Sutherland, and Beverly Sills, among many others. St. Petersburg Opera's *Norma* will be Elizabeth de Trejo, who has sung several roles at Opera Tampa.

*West Side Story*, Leonard Bernstein's most popular score, revisits the Romeo and Juliet story. Tony and Maria are from rival gangs but fall in love, with tragic consequences. Gilad Paz will sing Tony, with Stefanie Izzo as Maria. Both have sung with SPO before and sound great together. They are both graduates of the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College, NY where they were classmates.

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**Preview to Norma at Evenings and Mornings with the Maestro:** May 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Music Gallery, Clearwater and May 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg. Tickets for these popular programs are only \$15 for seniors and are available on our website, [www.stpeteopera.org](http://www.stpeteopera.org) and by telephone at 727-823-2040.

Season ticket brochures will be in the mail during April. Renew your seats early to make sure you don't miss a moment of great opera!

**PHOTOS:** Pictures from the April luncheon and Stars at the Parade will be on display on our website under LUNCHEONS.

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## The Aria

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of  
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### Luncheon Meeting:

Wednesday, May 7, 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: Chowder Soup, Salmon with dill sauce, Parsleyed Potatoes, Peas with mushrooms, Caramel Bread Pudding

**NEW! LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST be made by FRIDAY, May 2, and cancellations by Saturday MORNING, May 3.** Contact Nancy @727-738-4007. Cost \$20.00 cash or check only made out to Pinellas Opera League, payable at the door. This is a new procedure instituted by the club. Nancy will call in the reservations to the club on Saturday evening.

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

**SILENT AUCTION:** The silent auction will resume in the fall. Thanks to all those who have donated items so that we can make money for the club.

## PROGRAM FOR MAY LUNCHEON:



Our scholarship winner, Esther Schneider, 18, is a senior at Tampa Preparatory School, and studies voice with Rosalia Maresca at the Marcia P. Hoffman Institute at Ruth Eckerd Hall and Ross Kimura. This past summer

she attended Boston University's Tanglewood Institute Young Artists' Vocal Program. Esther is planning on attending conservatory next year. She recently received the news that she has been accepted to Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, Boston Conservatory, Boston University School of Music, Manhattan School of Music, University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre and Dance.

## EASTER STARS AT THE PARADE:

was a huge success with all the participants posing as movie stars. Pattie Baldwin chaired the parade with Ann Shortway as her assistant. Winners of the parade are as follows: Joan McCreary-Most Unique, portraying Joan Crawford; Kay Slade-Most Humorous, portraying Judy Garland, Cecile Sangiamo, Most Creative, portraying Carol Channing, Sunny Kovarick, Most Beautiful, portraying Ginger Rogers with escort Fred Astaire. All the members were in a festive mood as they paraded around the dining room posing for their close-up as the camera clicked away.

**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. Sponsorship money is used to help pay for the performers' meals.

## NEW DATE: OPERA ON SATURDAY

**AFTERNOON:** May 10, 2014 at the Safety Harbor Public Library, 101 2nd Street N, Safety Harbor, FL 34695; Meeting Room A. Telephone (727) 724-1525. *This is diagonally across the street from the Safety Harbor Spa.* There is parking in back of the library. Note that this is the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month. The featured DVD is "*The Barber of Seville*", by Rossini and starring Juan Diego Florez. Running Time 166 minutes. **FREE** For the month of May, our film showing is moved to Saturday because of play rehearsals on Sunday. Videos will return to Sundays when we resume showings in the fall.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have 2 positions open on the Board: Ways and Means and Publications. Marcia Lork, chairman of our Education Committee, is looking for volunteers to help with the Great American Teach-in held in our schools.

## DUES WERE DUE IN OCTOBER!

**PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES** to Ursula Wignall at the luncheon or mail to 2407 Flint Lock Dr., Clearwater, FL 33765-1726. Phone 727-796-7260. Dues for one year is \$25.00; family/couple \$40.00. The membership form is on our website-[www.pinellasoperaleague.com](http://www.pinellasoperaleague.com). If you do not pay your dues, you will no longer receive the newsletter by mail, although it will still be available on our website.

We welcome new members Sue Hessner and Ronald Fekete. Thanks to Paul and Mariette Chapman for contributing to the Wagner Circle.

**GEORGE LAURENT VIDEOS:** The videos have been donated to the Safety Harbor Library where they will be permanently kept. This will be our way of helping to pay the library for the free use of their facilities and equipment for our Opera on a Sunday Afternoon series.

**RUTH ECKERD HALL:** Upcoming events presented by Ruth Eckerd Hall include "Wizard Of Oz" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Tues. April 15, Wed. April 16, Thurs. April 17, Fri. April 18, Sat. April 19, all programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

**LIVE FROM THE MET**—the next showings will be Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Mozart's "*Così fan Tutte*" at 12:55, and May 10, Rossini's *La Cenerentola* at The LIVE IN HD broadcasts are at the AMC Woodlands Square in Oldsmar, Pinellas Park Regal Theaters, and Regal Citrus Park. The AMC Cobb Theater at the Westfield Countryside Mall is occasionally showing Live from the Royal Theater in London. Listing and show times are on the internet. Address 2700 US 19 N, Clearwater, FL. 33761, 727-683-0009.

**OPERA AT THE DALI** concert series is held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Emerging opera artists will 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.

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

**DARE TO DREAM COMPETITION:** Our scholarship recipient for this year, Esther Schneider was the second place winner in the vocal competition held at the Capitol Theater, a venue of Ruth Eckerd Hall. Congratulations to her and we wish her well in her future endeavors. The Winners: 1st Maya Jackson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Esther Schneider; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kylie Couture; 4<sup>th</sup> Shelby Carmichael.