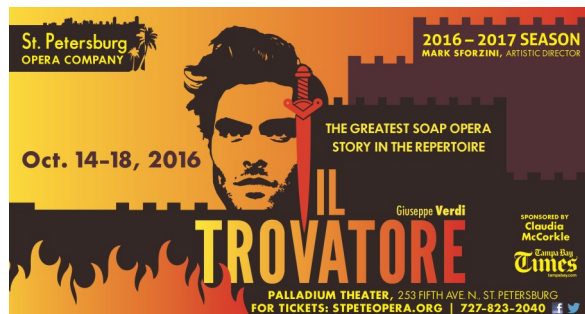


ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

EVENINGS AND MORNINGS WITH THE MAESTRO: Thursday Sept. 29 and Friday, Sept. 30

Preview to *Il Trovatore*: Dark Lady Played Black Magic

EWTM is at 6:00 pm at the Music Gallery. 5990 Ulmerton Rd. and MWTM is at 11 am at the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg.



St. Petersburg Opera's second decade begins with *Il Trovatore*, Giuseppe Verdi's turbulent tragedy of four characters caught in a web of family ties, politics and love, seasoned with revenge and death. The characters are impelled by raw emotion and the music is as uninhibited as the emotions. The story of the troubadour of the title, his vengeance obsessed gypsy mother, his devoted lover, and her evil aristocratic pursuer is pure soap opera. Starring as Leonora, the object of two men's desire, is Alexandra Batsios, who sang Konstanze in SPO's 2016 production of *The Abduction from the Seraglio*. Her would-be lovers, Manrico and Count di Luna, will be sung by Michael Morrow (Don Jose in 2015's *Carmen*) and Christopher Clayton. The crazy gypsy Azucena is sung by Claudia Chapa.

We are again offering tickets including bus transportation to the Sunday matinees for *Il Trovatore*. If you already have tickets for the Sunday matinees and would like to take advantage of the bus transportation you can order just the bus. Call Wayne Green at 727-470-9537 for forms.

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PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER LUNCHEON



Tara Curtis, Claire DiVizio, and Sam Hall, all emerging artists who are covering roles in *Il Trovatore* at St. Pete Opera, will present the program. You may remember Sam from last fall's appearance when he wowed us with his "Nessun dorma." We are thrilled to present him again and to welcome his two beautiful cast mates.

CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ: Do you know your opera ABCs? Name operas whose one-word titles begin with these letters (A, B, C) and identify the composers.

Answers to the June quiz: Name an opera in which a father plays a leading role. What is his name/title? Whose father is he?

Possible Answer: Rigoletto, father of Gilda

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

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The Aria

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Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, October 5

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, pot roast with vegetables, warm berry cobbler

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and MUST be made AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE but no later than MONDAY, October 3 and cancellations by Tuesday, October 4. Contact Nancy @727-738-3447. Please note that this is a **NEW PHONE NUMBER** and 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.

MESSAGE FROM RICHARD DAVIDSON, POL PRESIDENT:

I hope all of you have had a healthy, relaxing summer and are ready to begin our new season. This season we have many interesting events and programs. If any of you are interested in volunteering for any of the ones mentioned, please notify me at 727.242.6486.

POL is very fortunate to have continued access to a roster of superb performers for our luncheons through the collaborative efforts of Nancy Preis of St. Petersburg Opera and Middy Larson and Maria Zouves from "VoicExperience." I hope that all members will be able to attend our monthly luncheons to enjoy, applaud and meet the performers that they have selected to entertain us. For our first luncheon of the season, we can look forward to selections by singers from the upcoming season of the St. Petersburg Opera, a preview not to be missed!

As in previous years and starting with our first program on Sunday, Oct. 9th, POL will continue the Sunday afternoon "Opera DVD" program at the Safety Harbor Library running from October thru June. We will continue our partnership with Ruth Eckerd Hall by having Wayne Green, our Events Chairman, selling group tickets at discounted prices with better seating for our members. Wayne will also be selling group tickets to performances at St. Petersburg Opera and Opera Tampa. We will be present at the "Live from the Met" programs handing out synopses and POL notices of events to people attending them at the AMC Woodland Theater and at AMC Theater in Pinellas Park. Please be sure to check the monthly POL newsletter for the details. Information and other events may be found on our website www.pinellasoperaleague.com. Thanks to Ron Regan, our Publicity Chairman, this site now also includes an events calendar.

Vice President and Education Chairman Marcia Lork intends to adopt a local school where she will introduce an introductory opera program and POL will provide financial assistance with its music program.

I look forward to sharing this exciting season with you and to welcoming you at our luncheons and other POL events.

SEE BACK PAGE FOR OCTOBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM INFORMATION

POL OPERA DVD SHOWING: Our next showing will be the Metropolitan Opera production conducted by James Levine of Verdi's "La Forza del Destino" starring Leontyne Price on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH** at 1:30 pm in Room A and B at the **SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY** (diagonally across from the Safety Harbor Spa) at 101 2nd Street N. 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 179 minutes. For information call Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486.

LIVE FROM THE MET BROADCASTS IN HD RESUME IN OCTOBER with the following operas and show times at the Woodland Theater in Oldsmar, Citrus Mall in Tampa and in Pinellas Park. Admission for seniors: \$22
SATURDAY, OCT. 8 at 12 pm: Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" Running time: 2 hrs. 29 min.
ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12 at 6:30 pm
SATURDAY, OCT. 22 at 1 pm: Mozart's "Don Giovanni" Running time: 3 hrs. 22 min.
ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 at 6:30 pm

MEMBERSHIP: RENEWALS AND DUES FOR 2017 ARE DUE IN DECEMBER!

ANNUAL POL 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/renewals and dues to the address on the form or submit them to Herma at the luncheon. 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.** POL ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 4855, Clearwater, FL 33758. EMAIL ADDRESS: hm4pol@gmail.com

SHOULD YOU NEED A RIDE TO POL EVENTS, you may wish to avail yourself of these services: Uber at www.uber.com (sign up on-line with a credit card; no tip necessary)
Care Ride (Clearwater) 727.866.1193
Neighborly Care Network 727.888.0231

CHECK THE POL WEBSITE—
www.pinellasoperaleague.com--under "Local Opera" for other programs being offered at our area venues or contact them directly as follows:

OPERA TAMPA: 813-229-7827 or operatampa.org
RUTH ECKERD HALL: Tickets 727-791-7400 or www.rutheckerdhall.com
ST. PETERSBURG OPERA: 727-823-2040 or www.stpeteopera.org
SARASOTA OPERA: 941-366-8450 or www.sarasotaopera.org
TARPON SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER: 727-942-5605 or www.tarponarts.org

MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS (Artistic Director Mario Laurenti):
Sun. Oct. 30 at 3 pm. "Anything Goes" featuring a selection of show tunes, jazz tunes, swing tunes, a little rock 'n roll and opera at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave., Pinellas Park 33781 There is plenty of free parking and the Center is wheelchair accessible. Snacks are available at intermission. Admission is **FREE**, but donations are appreciated. Contact: 727.204.4163 or www.TBOpera.net

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.

RUTH ECKERD HALL: Florida Orchestra
SUNDAYS, OCT. 2 at 2:30 pm; **OCT. 9** and **23** at 7:30 pm

TARPON SPRINGS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 324 Pine Street (inside City Hall)
SUNDAY, OCT. 9 at 2 pm: Joe Schwartz, classical piano concert
FRIDAY- SUNDAY, OCT. 14-16, 21-23, Fri. & Sat. at 8 pm, **Sun.** at 2 pm: "1776" musical