

## ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:00 pm EVENINGS WITH THE MAESTRO: LOVE DUETS--TWO HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE

Friday, April 17, 2015 11:00 am MORNINGS WITH THE MAESTRO

The opera theme bigger than all others is LOVE. Love shatters our ideas of immortality and sends us on a meteoric journey to the depths of our hearts. This session of Evenings with the Maestro will celebrate the great love stories of opera. The maestro will present artists singing many of the greatest duets of all the repertoire. *Romeo & Juliet*, *La Traviata* and many others will be featured.

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)



Coming Saturday, May 9:  
**BELLA VOCE**

St Petersburg Opera's annual gala will be a celebration of ancient China, in honor of our upcoming production of *Turandot*. Opera Central will be lavishly decorated with exciting lighting effects, live

plants and flowers, and stunning art. Kirk Ke Wang's large paintings will adorn the walls. Gourmet dinner, dragon dancing, palace warriors, and a whole lot of fun. The entertainment will be planned by Maestro Mark Sforzini and will feature the cast of *Turandot*. Call 727-823-2040 or visit our website at [www.stpeteopera.org](http://www.stpeteopera.org) for pricing and further information.

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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

APRIL 2015

### Luncheon Meeting:

Wednesday, April 1, 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: Onion Soup, Rolls, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Stuffed Tomato, Zucchini, Mixed Berry Cobbler (Warm)

Be sure to wear your finest bonnet with all the frills upon it to participate in our annual Easter parade at this April luncheon. Don't miss out on the fun.

**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST** be made by FRIDAY, March 27 and cancellations by Saturday MORNING, March 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 APRIL LUNCHEON:



Our performer will be Alessandra Feliciano, soprano, who is currently finishing up her degree in voice performance at the University of South Florida. She is a student of Dr. Warren Jaworski. She has sung as a soloist with the Florida Orchestra, the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Opera Tampa Chorus, the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay and the St. Petersburg Opera Chorus. Alessandra has also attended Sherrill Milnes' VOICEexperience for the past two summers.

**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.

**MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS:** The Matinee Opera Players give four to six performances each year. They do not perform an entire opera: rather, they perform arias from well-known operas and a few well-known tunes. The entire cast consists of volunteers and the performances are free but donations are greatly appreciated. The next performance is April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, 4951 78<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pinellas Park.

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:** Thanks to new member Ron Regan, we are now on Facebook! Please view our page, which is chock full of photos and interesting news. Among other things, Ron has posted photos of our last meeting and the cruise.



**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. The April showing will be *Eugene Onegin* by Tchaikovsky, starring Anna Netrebko, Mariusz Kwiecien, and Piotr Beczala at the Safety Harbor Library on Wednesday, April 15, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. (This is the third Wednesday of the month.) 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. For information, call Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486

**MEMBERSHIP:** Please note that the newsletters are either emailed to you or sent by mail, depending on the preference you stated on the 2015 membership application form. If you wish to change how you receive the newsletters, please call Herma at 727-437-7508. 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 Nicholas and Joanne Combatti and Gloria M. Leyden.

**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.

**LIVE FROM THE MET:** Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 12:30 pm: *Cavalleria Rusticana* by Mascagni and *I Pagliacci* by Leoncavallo. Encore is Wednesday, April 29 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.

## RUTH ECKERD HALL / CAPITOL THEATER:

At Ruth Eckerd Hall: Tickets 727-791-7400.  
Thursday, March 26, 7:30 pm: Jackie Evancho  
Sunday, March 29, 7:30 pm: Sara McLachlan  
Wednesday, April 22, 8:00 pm: Bob Dylan

At The Capitol Theater, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater: 727-712-2717  
Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 pm: Joshua Bell  
Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 pm: Michael Bolton  
Thursday, April 23, 7:30 pm: Roberta Flack

## LIVE OPERA DOESN'T END IN MARCH IN TAMPA BAY!

St. Petersburg Opera presents Puccini's *Turandot* on June 5, 7, and 9 at the Palladium Theater.



Three riddles separate ordinary men from marriage to Princess Turandot, but the penalty for answering incorrectly is death. A mysterious foreign prince answers the riddles correctly, but magnanimously offers Turandot a chance to back out of the wedding if she can guess his true identity by morning. No one in the kingdom will sleep while she tries to learn his name. Set in China, Puccini's final opera will fill your heart with sumptuously powerful music performed by our international cast and splendid chorus and professional orchestra. Sung in Italian with English translations displayed above the stage.

We are working on organizing transportation for POL members and guests for the Sunday matinee (June 7). IF we get 14 participants, we can get a real bus.