

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

EVENINGS AND MORNINGS WITH THE
MAESTRO: Thursday November 10 and Fri-
day, November 11: OPERA'S TOP TEN

Join us for a fun exploration of opera's greatest hits. Susan Hellman Spatafora, Christina Franco and Micah Callahan will illustrate Maestro Sforzini's choices, but Sforzini's trademark wit and insights will be on hand as well.

After the presentation, we adjourn to a local restaurant and you will have a chance to mingle with the cast and SPO staff.

THIS IS A PERFECT OCCASION TO INVITE FRIENDS WHO THINK THEY DON'T LIKE OPERA. They will be amazed that they already know most of these tunes as they have been extensively used in movies and commercials.

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 will also be performing at On Top of the World on November 10 at 9:30 am. This program will have the same cast and will be Eight Great Opera Songs.

On November 14 and 15, seven schools will be bussing third graders to Opera Central for a performance of *Pinocchio: The Opera*, a musical version of the familiar story devised by John Davies. It will be staged and costumed and will include a chance for the children to join in the chorus. Prior to the performance, SPO will be visiting the schools with a preparatory program and materials. The SPO Education Committee has been working on a booklet, complete with puzzles, coloring pages, and opera info. This program is part of the Elevate A.R.T.S. program of Pinellas County Schools.

We will finish the week with the Great American Teach In on November 16, where we will visit Gibbs High and other schools.

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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 YOUR OPERA IQ: Do you know your
opera ABCs? Name operas whose one-word titles
begin with these letters (D, E, F, G) and identify
the composers.

Answers to the October quiz: Possible one-word
opera titles and their composers:

A: *Aida* (Verdi); *Akhnaten* (Glass); *Alceste*, *Ar-
mide* (Gluck), *Arianna* (Monteverdi),

B: *Bohème*, *La* (Puccini)

C: *Candide* (Bernstein); *Carmen* (Bizet); *Ce-
nerentola*, *La* (Rossini); *Consul*, *The* (Menotti)

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

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The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter
of the
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NOVEMBER 2016

Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, November 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

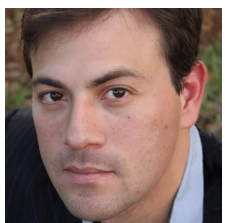
Menu: Squash soup, rolls, steak, baked po-
tato, broccoli and cauliflower, chocolate
sundae

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE RE-
QUIRED and MUST be made AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE but no later than MONDAY,
October 31 and cancellations by Tuesday, No-
vember 1. Contact Nancy @727-738-3447.
Please note that this is a NEW PHONE NUM-
BER 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 appre-
ciated. If your items do not sell, please be pre-
pared to take them home with you that day
since we do not have storage facilities available.

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER:



FRANCO RIOS CASTRO is a Peruvian-American bass/baritone who studied at the National Conservatory of Music in Peru. When he moved to the United States, Mr. Rios Castro appeared

with local opera companies in California in such productions as *Don Giovanni*, *La Traviata*, *Il Trovatore*, *Così fan tutte*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *Tosca*. After relocating to Florida, he took private lessons with tenor Giorgio Aristo and participated in St. Petersburg Opera's Music in Motion. This past summer, Mr. Rios Castro sang the role of Sarastro in *The Magic Flute* at the VoiceExperience Festival organized by Sherrill Milnes in Savannah, Georgia. The next engagement for Mr. Rios Castro will be the role of the jailor in the Opera Tampa production of *Tosca* in April 2017.

The accompanist for Mr. Rios Castro is **RICHARD KITTELSTAD**, a local pianist who graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in music studies. He has been performing in the Tampa area for five years and currently performs at various restaurants, among them Armani's, Ruth's Chris Steak House and Oystercatchers.

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

POL OPERA DVD SHOWING: Our next showing will be the Metropolitan Opera production of Bizet's *Carmen* conducted by James Levine and starring Elina Garanca and Robert Alagna on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 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 197 minutes. For information call Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486.

LIVE FROM THE MET BROADCASTS IN HD at the Woodland Theater in Oldsmar, Citrus Mall in Tampa and in Pinellas Park. Admission for seniors: \$22 Pinellas Park is \$25

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 at 1 pm: Mozart's *Don Giovanni* Running time: 3 hrs. 22 min.

ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 at 6:30 pm
THERE ARE NO "LIVE FROM THE MET" SHOWINGS IN NOVEMBER!

MEMBERSHIP: A big "THANK YOU" to all members who have already renewed their POL membership for 2017 and an extra "THANK YOU" to those who also have contributed to our "Circles"! **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

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 www.operatampa.com

Sun., Nov. 6: Straz Live! in the Park

RUTH ECKERD HALL: Tickets 727-791-7400 or www.rutheckerdhall.com

The Florida Orchestra

Sun., Nov. 6 at 7:30 pm: Mozart's "Jupiter Symphony"

Sun., Nov. 13 at 7:30 pm: Songs of the Sea

Wed., Nov. 16 at 11 am: Gilbert & Sullivan

Sun., Nov. 20 at 7:30 pm: Great American Pops

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA: 727-823-2040 or www.stpeteopera.org

SARASOTA OPERA: 941-366-8450 or www.sarasotaopera.org

TARPON SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER:

324 Pine Street (inside City Hall)

Friday – Sunday, Oct. 21-23, Fri. & Sat. at 8 pm,

Sun. at 2 pm: "1776" musical

727-942-5605 or www.tarponarts.org

TAMPA BAY SYMPHONY: Fall 2016 "Forests and Folk Songs"

Sun., Oct. 30 at 4 pm: St. Pete College Arts Auditorium, Drew Street, Clearwater

Tues., Nov. 1 at 8 pm: Palladium Theater

Sun., Nov. 6 at 4 pm: Ferguson Hall, Straz Center

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.