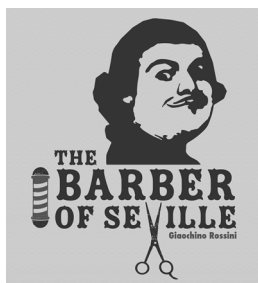


## ST. PETERSBURG OPERA



Rossini's beloved comedy will open Friday, January 30 at 7:30 pm and continue Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 pm and Tuesday, February 3 at 7:30 pm.

Rosina will be sung by Elizabeth Pojanowski,

who has extensive credits in Seattle and Cincinnati. Gabriel Preisser will sing the role of Figaro, the rascalion factotum. Gabriel appeared with SPO in *Romeo et Juliette* as Mercutio. Blake Friedman will be making his SPO debut as Count Almaviva and Todd Donovan, the versatile and beloved baritone, will make his ninth appearance with SPO as Don Basilio. Clearwater resident Tony Dillon sings Dr. Bartolo and he is NOT TO BE MISSED!

Call 727-823-2040 for pricing and details.

February's Evenings and Mornings with the Maestro is entitled "Fairy Tale Opera" Maestro Mark Sforzini and SPO singers open the book on fairy tales that have come to life in opera. Sometimes surprising, often magical, and always entertaining, these stories have endured for generations, and these charming operatic interpretations of them delight modern audiences to this day. Join us to learn more about tales that have gone from the page to the stage, where it will live happily ever after.

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

Mornings at 11:00 at Opera Central, 2145 First Ave., S., St. Petersburg, for February only.

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)

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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  
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FEBRUARY 2015

### Luncheon Meeting:

Wednesday, February 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, braised Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, asparagus, strawberry shortcake.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST be made by FRIDAY, January 30 and cancellations by Saturday MORNING, January 31. 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.

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 FEBRUARY LUNCHEON:



Soleil Oliva is a senior at the University of South Florida where she will be obtaining her degree in Music Performance under the direction of Dr. Warren Jaworski. She is a member of the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay, the Master Chorale Ensemble Singers, and St. Pete Opera chorus. She plans on pursuing a master's degree in Music Performance.

**POL FUNDRAISER CRUISE:** The POL will again 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 a closed-in, 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. Check 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 February, we will show *Maria Stuarda* by Gaetano Donizetti and starring Joyce DiDonato on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Safety Harbor Library. 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. Running time is 145 minutes. This is the third Saturday of the month. 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 and Ruth Greenblatt. Thank you Rano and Bobbie Mueller for donating \$50.00 to the Wagner Circle.

**RUTH ECKERD HALL / CAPITOL THEATER:** For tickets and information 727-726-5243. At Ruth Eckerd Hall:

Fri. Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. Puccini's *La Bohème*, presented by Teatro Lirico D'Europa.  
Fri, Feb. 6, 8:00 p.m. and Sat. Feb 7 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.: The longest running American musical *Chicago*  
Thurs. Feb 12, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Neil Berg's *107 Years of Broadway*  
Thurs. Feb. 19, 8:00 p.m. *Dancing Pros Live*  
Mon. Feb. 23, 1:00 p.m. *Live From Nashville*  
Sat. Feb. 28, 8:00 p.m. *Swan Lake* ballet from The Russian National Ballet Theater  
At The Capitol Theater, 405 Cleveland St., Clearwater:  
Fri. Feb. 20, 8:00 p.m. Howie Mandel  
Sat. Feb. 21, 8:00 p.m. Michael Amante

**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.

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2:00 pm: Verdi's *Rigoletto*  
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.

**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, January 31, at 12:55 pm, *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* by Offenbach. (Encore Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.). Running time is 3hrs, 45 min.. Saturday, February 14 at 12:30 p.m. Tchaikovsky's *Iolanta* and Bartok's *Bluebeard's Castle* (new production). Running time 3 hrs, 40 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.

**WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN:** We welcome our new Ways and Means Chairman, Kathleen Mullerheim.