

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

For tickets:

727-823-2040 OR STPETEOPERA.ORG



Monday, December 18, 7:30 pm
Tuesday December 19, 7:30 pm

After a rousing welcome in 2016 for the concept of celebrating all four seasons, Maestro Sforzini indulges us on a new evocative and magical journey through the year. From spring's new life to winter's family gatherings, SPO will present an international musical tour highlighting great soloists, our stellar chorus, and our 40-piece professional orchestra.

COMING IN 2018!

PREVIEW TO THE MAGIC FLUTE:

January 11, 6:00 pm, The Iberian Rooster
January 18, 6:00 pm, The Music Gallery
January 19, 11:00 am, Museum of Fine Arts



The Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg

CONGRATULATIONS TO NANCY PREIS who was honored by the University of Toledo, OH as an outstanding alumna of the College of Arts and Letters!

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CHECK THE POL WEBSITE—

www.pinellasoperaleague.com--under "Local Opera" for other programs being offered at our area venues or contact them directly

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 YOUR OPERA IQ: Can you name at least ten operas based on plays by Shakespeare? (Part 1 of a question submitted by Ronald Fekete.)

Answers to the November quiz:

La Cenerentola - Rossini, *Hänsel und Gretel* - Engelbert Humperdinck,
Rusalka - Dvořák, *Die Zauberflöte* - Mozart

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

The Monthly Newsletter
of the
Pinellas Opera League
DECEMBER, 2017

Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, December 6

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, steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, chocolate parfait

The price of the luncheon 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 NOTE THAT THE COST OF THE LUNCHEON FOR ANYONE WHO HAS NOT RENEWED THE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017 WILL BE \$25.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and MUST be made AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE but no later than MONDAY, December 4, cancellations by NOON on Tuesday, December 5. **IMPORTANT!! PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE: CALL in OR EMAIL your reservations to [URSULA @ 727-796-7260](mailto:URSULA@727-796-7260) or rwignall@tampabay.rr.com ON TIME.**

JEWELRY SALE CONTINUES AT THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON: Still looking for some gifts for the holidays? Be sure to take a look at our selection.

Happy Holidays!

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER



Baritone JEAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ returns to thank POL for the scholarship we awarded him toward his studies with Sherrill Milnes and Milnes' Savannah Voice Festival. He is eager to sing for us again and to share his experiences performing the title role in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* last

August for which he received a rave review in the Savannah Morning News. Currently he is a member of Opera Tampa's Emerging Artists program. He made his operatic professional debut with Opera Tampa in 2017 as Count Paris in Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet*.

We once again welcome TERESA ANCAYA who will be accompanying Jean Carlos Rodriguez. She earned her Bachelor and Master of Music in piano performance from the University of South Florida and continued her post-graduate piano accompaniment study in Salzburg, Austria. Ms. Ancaya is a staff accompanist, coach and recitalist for the cello studio and two choirs at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg Opera Company, Opera Tampa, Florida Zephyrhills Chorale and the Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Pete as well as the principal accompanist for The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.

VOICEXPERIENCE: 855.76.OPERA or www.voicexperiencefoundation.org
Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center: 324 Pine Street, Tarpon Springs
Fri., Dec. 15 at 7:30 PM: *A Night Before Christmas* Concert with opera luminaries Maria Zouves and Sherrill Milnes, accompanied by Constantine Grame. Bring the whole family to put you in the holiday spirit with classic holiday stories and seasonal music favorites. This holiday concert supports the VOICExperience national vocal training program. Tickets: \$25

POL OPERA DVD SHOWINGS AT THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY ARE CANCELLED.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP POL PRESIDENT RICHARD DAVIDSON IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS .

ELECTION OF POL OFFICERS FOR 2018-2020 TO TAKE PLACE AT THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON! Nominees are:

PRESIDENT: Herma Moschner
VICE PRESIDENT: Jerrold Siskin
TREASURER: Kathleen Mullerheim
RECORDING SECRETARY: Martha Fisler
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Laurette Schmitt

CHANGE IN ANNUAL POL DUES: In order to ensure that the POL will be able to continue to carry out its mission to provide financial support to aspiring singers, the new dues are as follows: Individual \$30.00, couple \$50.00. **PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL WITH PAYMENT BY DECEMBER! BEGINNING IN JANUARY**, the cost of the luncheons for those members who have not renewed their 2018 membership by the end of December will be \$25. **ALSO NOTE:** If you wish to have your name included in the 2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY, your membership renewal must reach us by the **END OF DECEMBER**.

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

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
Gloria Cecchi, Margaret Darraugh, Muriel Desloovere, and Sheila Harris and a **HEARTY THANK YOU** to Barbara Sims for her contribution to the Verdi Circle.

TARPON SPRINGS 727.942.5605 and www.tarponarts.org
Heritage Museum: 100 Library Ln., Tarpon Springs, 727-937-0686
Thurs., Nov. 16 at 7:30 PM: Opera Tune Up: Preview to Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*

RUTH ECKERD HALL: Tickets 727-791-7400 or www.rutheckerdhall.com
The Florida Orchestra
Sun., Nov. 19 at 7:30 PM: Jeffrey Multer – *Bruch Violin Concerto*
Sun., Dec. 17 at 2 PM & 7:30 PM: *Holiday Pops*
Sat., Dec. 23 at 2 PM & 7:30 PM: *The Nutcracker* with the Tampa Ballet Theatre
Sun., Dec. 31 at 8 PM: *Salute to Vienna*

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.

OPERA TAMPA 2018 : Tickets may be ordered now by POL members for the following performances on Sundays at 2PM:
February 4: Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*
March 4: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*
April 15: Verdi's *Macbeth*
ALL 3 OPERAS -- \$139; SINGLE tickets \$60 (\$55 for *Figaro*)
Ticket prices include round-trip bus transportation (pick-up at 12:30PM at Clearwater Mall):
RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018
Order forms are available at the POL luncheons or contact Wayne Green at 727-470-9537.

LIVE FROM THE MET IN HD:
at the Woodlands Theater in Oldsmar, the Regal Theater on Highway 19N in Pinellas Park, the AMC Sundial 20 in St. Petersburg, Eckerd College, and Citrus Park. Admission for seniors: \$23; in Pinellas Park \$25.
SATURDAY, NOV. 18 at 12:55 PM EXTERMINATING ANGEL by Thomas Ades. Running time 2h 27min. **ENCORE:** Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 pm.

MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS: 727.204.4163 or www.MatineeOperaPlayers.org
Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. North, Pinellas Park
Sun., Dec. 10 at 3 PM: A Gift of Music, a holiday show featuring show tunes, popular songs as well as arias from well-known operas accompanied by Rena Massey and a special act, *La Dee Da Character Choir*, performing in fantasy costumes.
Pay-What-You-Can; raffles, snacks and door prizes at intermission.