

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA



Saturday Nov 11 – 2:00 PM
Friday Nov 17 – 7:00 PM
Saturday Nov 18 – 2:00 PM

Tickets are only \$10 and \$5.

Performances will be held at
OPERA CENTRAL
2145 First Ave South
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33712

The wooden boy learns the value of telling the truth in this classic story, set to music of Mozart, Donizetti, Verdi, Offenbach, and more. Bring the whole family to this one-hour performance. Suitable for all ages. Presented at Opera Central in Preis Hall with a cast of wonderful singers and a chamber orchestra.

Sponsored by:
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NEW THIS SEASON: COCKTAILS WITH THE MAESTRO

Bad Boys and the Girls Who Can't Resist Them

Evenings: Thursday, November 2 at 6 PM at The Music Gallery, 5990 Ulmerton Rd.
Mornings: Friday, November 3, at 11 AM at the Museum of Fine Arts., St. Petersburg
Cocktails: Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 PM at the Iberian Rooster, 475 Central, St. Petersburg

For tickets:

727-823-2040 OR STPETEOPERA.ORG

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

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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: There are a number of operas that are based on fairytales. Can you name two?

Name the composers of the operas listed below.

Answers to the October quiz: *La Cenerentola, Hänsel und Gretel, Rusalka, Die Zauberflöte*

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
NOVEMBER, 2017



Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, November 1

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, turkey with dressing, sweet potatoes mashed, cranberry sauce, vegetables, pumpkin pudding

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and MUST be made AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE but no later than MONDAY, October 30 and cancellations by NOON on Tuesday, October 31. Contact Nancy @727-738-3447. 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 NOTE THAT THE COST OF THE LUNCHEON FOR ANYONE WHO HAS NOT RENEWED THE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017 WILL BE \$25.00.

JEWELRY SALE at the NOVEMBER LUNCHEON! Be sure to find that special trinket as a gift for yourself or someone else.



PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER



TAYLOR-ALEXIS DUPONT is a Mezzo-Soprano from Orlando, Florida. She has performed operas & concerts with Glimmerglass Music Festival, iSing Music Festival, Peabody Institute, Florida State Opera, Bel Cantanti Opera Company, & Opera Orlando. Taylor studied under Denyce Graves at the Peabody Institute where she earned her Master's

in Music. She earned a Bachelor's degree at Florida State University, studying under David Okerlund. This season, Miss DuPont is excited to be performing the title role of John Davies' *Pinocchio* for St. Petersburg Opera in Florida. Next season she is preparing to become an Apprentice Artist with Sarasota Opera.



HOLLY FLACK is singing Olympia in the SPO production. She also performed with Fargo-Moorhead Opera, Ohio Light Opera, Bel Canto Opera Festival, Astoria Opera Festival, and Operafestival di Roma. She made her debut at the Trentino Music Festival in Mezzano, Italy singing the role of the Vixen in

Leos Janacek's *The Cunning Little Vixen*. Originally from Portland, Oregon, Ms. Flack holds a degree from St. Olaf College and a Masters degree in Vocal Performance from The University of Kentucky, where she studied with Cynthia Lawrence.



DAVID ŠTECH (piano) is associate conductor of dell'Arte Opera Ensemble and artistic director of the New York Conducting Institute. His conducting career began as a conducting fellow with the American Symphony Orchestra League and the Chicago Civic Orchestra in 2002. He was immediately invited to

Tanglewood where he was awarded the Leonard Bernstein Conducting Fellowship. He worked with Kurt Masur, Christoph von Dohnányi and Robert Spano. His Carnegie Hall debut was in 2013 conducting Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, and he made his Lincoln Center debut conducting Wagner's *Die Walküre* in 2014. He is an alumnus of the Pierre Monteux School. As a vocal coach, he has worked at the Opera Theater of Lucca (Italy), and the Academy of Performing Arts (Hong Kong) and the Manhattan School of Music, where he served on the faculty for eight years.

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

URGENTLY NEEDED: RECORDING SECRETARY. If interested, please contact Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486.

ELECTION OF POL OFFICERS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON. Please see the insert/attachment for the names of the nominees.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP POL PRESIDENT RICHARD DAVIDSON IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS as he undergoes chemotherapy. Despite being in and out of the hospital over the last several months, Richard is trying to maintain his usual good attitude. **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!**

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.**

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WAGNER CIRCLE (\$50+): Myrna Bouchard

VERDI CIRCLE (\$25+): Laurette Schmitt

MOZART CIRCLE (\$15+): Herma Moschner

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

The Florida Orchestra

Sun., Nov. 5 at 7:30 PM: *Beethoven's Symphony #7*

Sun., Nov. 19 at 7:30 PM: Jeffrey Multer - *Bruch Violin Concerto*

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*

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.