

## ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

EVENINGS AND MORNINGS WITH THE MAESTRO: Some Enchanted Broadway Featuring the principal cast and covers of our upcoming production the /Rodgers and Hammerstein beloved work.

Thursday June 16 and Friday June 17

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.

**LA BOHÈME**  
Giacomo Puccini  
PERFORMANCES:  
June 3, 2016 7:30 pm  
June 5, 2016 2:00 pm  
June 7, 2016 7:30 pm

St. Petersburg OPERA COMPANY  
2015-2016 SEASON  
Mark Sforzini, Artistic Director  
July 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, & 10, 2016  
Rodgers and Hammerstein's  
**SOUTH PACIFIC**  
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www.StPeteOpera.org 727-823-2040

At the Palladium Theater, 253 Fifth Ave.  
St. Petersburg. [www.stpeteopera.org](http://www.stpeteopera.org)

St. Petersburg Opera Company is offering tickets including bus transportation to the Sunday matinees for *La Bohème*, and *South Pacific*. If you already have tickets for the Sunday matinees and would like to take advantage of the bus transportation you can order just the bus. Be advised that free parking around the Palladium is very limited this year so the bus may be a good alternative. Call Wayne Green at 727-470-9537 for forms.

## Pinellas Opera League

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POL thanks all who participated in the SPRING BONNET PARADE that was held at the April luncheon. A very special thanks for once again organizing this delightful event to Patti Baldwin, script writer and MC and to Ann Shortway, who provided hats that she had designed and made. The judges did not have an easy task making the selections, but ultimately the WINNERS were: Susan Luehrs – most beautiful; Annie Habashi – most creative; Marsha Lork – most unique; Ron Regan – most humorous.

### CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ:

Name an opera in which a father plays a leading role. What is his name/title? Whose father is he?

Answers to the May quiz: Name an opera in which a mother plays a leading role. What is her name/title? Whose mother is she?

Possible Answer: The Queen of the Night, mother of Pamina in *Die Zauberflöte*

Do you have opera questions you would like to submit? Please send them to Herma at [hm4pol@gmail.com](mailto:hm4pol@gmail.com).

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## The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter  
of the  
Pinellas Opera League

JUNE 2016

### Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, June 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: Lemon soup, rolls, crepes (chicken),  
mixed vegetables, coconut pie

**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and MUST be made AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE but no later than MONDAY, MAY 30 and cancellations by Tuesday, May 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.

**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 appreciated. If your items do not sell, please be prepared to take them home with you that day since we do not have storage facilities available.

## PROGRAM FOR JUNE LUNCHEON:



Described as a singer with great musical intelligence and sensitivity adorned with a refined timbre, the Portuguese lyric tenor Paulo Lapa graduated with a degree in Music and Singing Performance in 2012 from Aveiro University, Portugal. In Europe he has sung in fully staged operas with Filarmonia das Beiras Orchestra and at Portuguese National Theater São Carlos. In January 2014 Paulo moved to Boston where he established a successful relationship with VOICEexperience Foundation and Savannah Voice Festival singing in concerts, outreach and private events.

Paulo's musical career started as a professional classical guitar player playing in Portugal, Russia, France and Germany and as a member of AMVP Guitar Orchestra he recorded two albums: *Contrastes* (2003) and *Plaisir* (2005). Since 2008 he has been developing his passion for all aspects of the opera working also as a Production and Stage Manager for Orquestra do Norte Opera company, producing up until now fifteen different opera titles.

Constantine Grame, Artistic Director of the New Century Opera and Music Director of the Gilbert and Sullivan Players, whose bio was included in the April newsletter, will again be the accompanist.

VOICEexperience, a non-profit organization established by world-renowned baritone Sherrill Milnes and his wife, soprano Maria Zouves presents:

At the Heritage Museum in Tarpon Springs:  
FRIDAY, JUNE 3 at 7 PM – Sherrill Milnes' Master Class

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 at 3 PM – Voices Around the World

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 at 7 PM – Scenes and Songs from the World's Greatest Operas

At the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 at 3 PM – Sherrill Milnes: Anthology of an Opera Star

**POL OPERA DVD SHOWING:** Our next showing will be the Metropolitan Opera production of Puccini's *Tosca* starring Placido Domingo and Hildegard Behrens on SUNDAY, JUNE 12 at 1:30 pm in Room A and B at the SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY (diagonally across from the Safety Harbor Spa) at 101 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 136 minutes. For information call Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486.

**LIVE FROM THE MET:** These broadcasts will resume in October and we look forward to seeing you then. POL thanks Mike McDonald (not a member) for creating and typing up the synopses and also thanks Dr. John Ripon (not a member), Nancy Jewitt and Richard Davidson (members) for distributing these along with other POL material at some of the theaters.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Please note the NEW P.O. BOX ADDRESS FOR THE POL:  
P.O. Box 4855, Clearwater, FL 33758.  
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.

**Annual Dues:** Individual \$25.00, couple \$40.00. Application/renewal forms may be downloaded from the POL website--  
[www.pinellasoperaleague.com](http://www.pinellasoperaleague.com)--and will also be available at the luncheon. Please send your applications and renewals to the address on the form or submit them to Herma at the luncheon.

A warm welcome to our newest member KATHLEEN MONAHAN and BARBARA SIMS! !

**POL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED:** In keeping with the mission of the POL, the POL Board approved a \$1,500 scholarship to be shared by student artists from USF to attend the VOICEexperience workshop in Tarpon Springs this summer. At the May luncheon, Richard Davidson was pleased to present this check to Sherrill Milnes who thanked the POL and its members for the much-appreciated support.

**CHECK THE POL WEBSITE—**  
[www.pinellasoperaleague.com](http://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 [operatampa.org](http://operatampa.org)  
**RUTH ECKERD HALL:** Tickets 727-791-7400 or [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com)  
**ST. PETERSBURG OPERA:** 727-823-2040 or [www.stpeteopera.org](http://www.stpeteopera.org)  
**SARASOTA OPERA:** 941-366-8450 or [www.sarasotaopera.org](http://www.sarasotaopera.org)  
**TARPON SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER:** 727-942-5605 or [www.tarponarts.org](http://www.tarponarts.org)

**MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS** (Artistic Director Mario Laurenti):  
Sun. June 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. This "A Taste of Opera" show benefits the Alzheimer's Association. Local talents perform selected arias and well-known show tunes at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.TBOpera.net)

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, St. Petersburg, FL.

**A SUGGESTION FROM VICE PRESIDENT MARCIA LORK:** Should you need a ride to POL events, you might wish to contact the following:

Uber at [www.uber.com](http://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