

## ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

Thursday, April 20, 2017, 6:00 pm  
EVENINGS WITH THE MAESTRO  
Friday, April 21, 2017; 11:00 am  
MORNINGS WITH THE MAESTRO

### OPERA THERAPY 2: Couples Therapy

Some opera characters and couples need a good session with the marriage and relationship counselor! Maestro Sforzini will put on his shrink persona and give advice. The program combines entertainment and education with short performances, are humorous, often involve audience participation, and always feature SPO singers. The Evenings series returns to Clearwater's Music Gallery (5990 Ulmerton Rd.) Mornings is at the Museum of Fine Arts (255 Beach Dr. NE, St. Petersburg. All Evenings begin at 6:00 p.m., Mornings at 11:00 a.m. and last 90 minutes. Following the performance, audience members are invited to join the cast at a local restaurant for refreshments and the chance to mingle.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission (\$17 for seniors and students) and available online at [www.stpeteopera.org](http://www.stpeteopera.org) or by telephone at 727-823-2040.

Saturday March 25, 2017 10:00 am:  
ST. PETERSBURG OPERA GUILD  
COLLEGE AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS VOCAL COMPETITION

Competition open to residents of Florida. Deadline for application is March 10. For further information, contact [ursulaegggers@yahoo.com](mailto:ursulaegggers@yahoo.com). Audience invited to attend competition - free. Opera Central, 2145 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg 33712

## Pinellas Opera League

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### 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

SHOULD YOU NEED A RIDE TO POL EVENTS, you may wish to avail yourself of these services:  
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

### CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ:

Name an opera in which the title character does not have an aria.

Answer to the March quiz: Opera buffa

Do you have opera quiz questions for the membership that 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  
APRIL 2017

### Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, April 5

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: Tomato bisque soup and rolls, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed tomatoes, zucchini, and carrot cake.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and MUST be made AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE but no later than MONDAY, April 3 and cancellations by NOON on Tuesday, April 4. 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.

NO SILENT AUCTION: The POL Board has decided to suspend the silent auction until further notice.

## PROGRAM FOR APRIL:



STELLA ZAMBALIS is a regular guest of leading opera companies throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and South America, as well as frequenting the recital and concert stage. She has created several new roles for the Metropolitan Opera, Houston Grand Opera and for La Scala in Milan. On recordings, Ms. Zambalis may be heard as Juliet in Tchaikovsky's unfinished work: *Romeo and Juliet*: Overture Fantasy (completed by Taneyev) with the Moscow Radio and Television Orchestra for Bridge Records, sung in Russian, and a solo album featuring three complete solo song cycles by Dvorak (Gypsy Songs, Biblical Songs and Love Songs) sung in Czech for the Opus label. In 2013, Ms. Zambalis made her debut with SPO with her signature role, *Tosca*. Stella can be heard as Consuelo on the 1984 Deutsche Grammophone recording of *West Side Story* conducted by Leonard Bernstein.

TERESA ANCAYA earned a Bachelor and Master of Music in piano performance from the University of South Florida. She continued post-graduate piano accompaniment study in Salzburg, Austria. Teresa has accompanied students and faculty at Florida International University, the University of Miami, Florida Southern College, Southeastern University and the University of South Florida. In 2013, she performed at Carnegie Hall with USF's Chamber Singers. She is a staff accompanist, coach and recitalist for the cello studio and 2 choirs at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg Opera Company, Opera Tampa, Florida Hospital Zephyrhills Chorale and the Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Pete. Teresa is the principal accompanist for The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay, whose *Light of the Midnight Sun* CD is a 2016 Top 10 selling self-produced classical album on iTunes. She can also be heard on Albany Records: Robert Helps Quintet for clarinet, cello, flute, violin and piano.

**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.

**POL OPERA DVD SHOWING:** Wednesday, April 19: The Metropolitan Opera production of Puccini's *TURANDOT* starring Placido Domingo, directed by Franco Zeffirelli and conducted by James Levine 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. Running time: 132 minutes. For information call Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486.

**LIVE FROM THE MET BROADCASTS IN HD:** Please note that showings have resumed at the WOODLANDS THEATER in OLDSMAR. Showings also at the Regal Theater on Highway 19 N in Pinellas Park, at AMC Sundial 20 at 151 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N, St. Petersburg, Eckerd College, and at the Citrus Mall in Tampa. Admission for seniors: \$23; in Pinellas Park \$25

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 at 12:55 pm *IDOMENE* by Mozart starring Elza van den Heever Running time: 3 h 55 min. ENCORE: Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 at 12:55 pm *EUGENE ONEGIN* by Tchaikovsky starring Anna Netrebko with Robin Ticciati conducting. Running time: 3 h 55min.

ENCORE: Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm.

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

**ANNUAL POL 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/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](mailto:hm4pol@gmail.com)

**OPERA TAMPA:** 813.229.7827 or [operatampa.org](http://operatampa.org)  
March 21, 23, 27, 30 Open Rehearsals for *Tosca*  
Sat., March 25 Gala and Centennial Celebration featuring Maestro Anton Coppola  
Gala at 5:30 pm Tickets: 813.222.1275  
Concert at 7 pm Tickets only: 813.229.7827  
Sun., April 2 at 2:00 pm Discover Opera: *Tosca* in Morsani Hall RSVP 813.222.4890  
Fri., April 7 at 8:00 pm *Tosca*  
Sun., April 9 at 2:00 pm *Tosca*

The FINAL OPERA TAMPA performance of our 2017 season will be *TOSCA* on Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 pm. As with previous performances, the bus pick-up will be at the Clearwater Mall (Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. at US 19) in front of the Lowe's Garden store departing at 12:30 pm. Please arrive about 10 minutes before the scheduled departure so the bus can leave on time.

**RUTH ECKERD HALL:** Tickets 727-791-7400 or [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com)  
Fri., March 24 at 8 pm: Ten Tenors  
Sun., March 26; 7:30 pm: The Florida Orchestra  
Sun., April 2, 9, 23; 7:30 pm: The Florida Orchestra

**TARPON SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER:** 324 Pine Street (inside City Hall) 727.942.5605 and [www.tarponarts.org](http://www.tarponarts.org)  
NEW CENTURY OPERA: Executive & Artistic Director Constantine Grame  
*Rienzi, The Last of the Tribunes* by Richard Wagner  
Fri., March 24 at 7 pm, Sun., March 26 at 2 pm and Wed., March 29 at 7 pm  
[www.newcenturyopera.org](http://www.newcenturyopera.org)

**TAMPA BAY SYMPHONY:** 727.827.8087 or [www.TampaBaySymphony.org](http://www.TampaBaySymphony.org)  
Mark Sforzini, Music Director, Tickets \$20 at the door  
"Dazzling Inspirations" featuring Jeffrey Muller, violin and the winner of the composer competition.  
Symphonic Chat: Thurs., April 27 at 7:00 pm at Opera Central  
Concert: Sun. April 30 at 4:00 pm – SPC Arts Auditorium, Clearwater