

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

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A Shakespeare troupe is putting on *The Taming of the Shrew*, but the cast is embroiled in interpersonal relationships that lead to off-stage bickering and onstage surprises. Cole Porter's score, performed with the original-size Broadway orchestra, is filled with great numbers such as *So In Love*, *Too Darn Hot*, *Why Can't You Behave?*, and *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*. Bring your tap shoes because you'll want to leave the theater dancing.

EVENINGS WITH THE MAESTRO:

Preview to Kiss Me Kate

January 17, 6:00 pm ; The Music Gallery, 5990 Ulmerton Rd, Clearwater

MORNINGS WITH THE MAESTRO

January 18, 11:00 am, The Museum of Fine Arts, Beach Dr, St. Petersburg



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CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ:

What do the opera roles of Cherubino, Hansel, Octavian and Prince Orlofsky have in common?

Answers to the December quiz:

Sopranos vs Mezzos: Maria Stuarda—Elizabeth I in Donizetti's *Maria Stuarda*; Suor Angelica—Aunt in Puccini's *Suor Angelica*; Elektra—Clytemnestra in R. Strauss' *Elektra*; Aida—Amneris in Verdi's *Aida*; Elsa—Ortrud in Wagner's *Lohengrin*

Would you like to submit a question for the OPERA QUIZ? If so, please send them to Herma at hm4pol@gmail.com

NEED A RIDE TO POL EVENTS?

Contact: Uber at www.uber.com

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The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter
of the
Pinellas Opera League

JANUARY 2019

Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, January 2

Dunedin Golf 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: Cream of asparagus soup, rolls, pecan crusted chicken, stuffed baked tomato, boiled potatoes, ice cream sundae

The price of the luncheon is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members, check preferred, made payable to Pinellas Opera League. Please have exact change if paying in cash.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Please RESERVE as early as possible but NO LATER than SUNDAY, December 30, CANCEL by NOON on MONDAY, December 31. Lunches reserved but not cancelled by this date and time will require payment. VEGETARIAN MEALS must be requested when reservations are made. The Golf Club will not honor requests after the Monday cancellation deadline. PLEASE CALL in or EMAIL your reservations to URSULA at 727-796-7260 or rwignall@tampabay.rr.com. Would you like to join the conversation at the performers' table? For a special contribution of \$25, we will reserve a seat for you there. Please let Ursula know when you make your luncheon reservation.



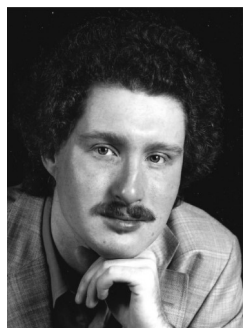
PROGRAM FOR JANUARY



JEAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ Baritone

Mr. Rodriguez is currently 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*. In the 2018 Opera Tampa season, he sang the role of Fiorello in Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* and

will be singing the role of Schaunard in Puccini's *La Bohème* at Opera Tampa in April. Beginning with the first auditions in January, Mr. Rodriguez will be trying out for the Metropolitan Opera National Regionals.



CONSTANTINE GRAME Pianist

Executive and Artistic Director of the New Century Opera and Music Director of the Gilbert and Sullivan Players in Clearwater, Mr. Grame studied music with his father, Theodore Grame, and holds an Advanced Certificate in Piano from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in London.

Most recently, he added Beethoven's only opera *Fidelio* to his long list of acclaimed operatic and musical productions among them *Rienzi*, *Orfeo ed Euridice*, all four operas of Wagner's *Ring Cycle*, and *Babes in Toyland*. His edition of the original Herbert/MacDonough text of the latter, has been recognized as the most authoritative version available today. Among many others, Mr. Grame has also directed such works as *Kiss Me, Kate!*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Music Man*, *Carousel*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Little Shop of Horrors*. As tenor soloist, he has appeared in such works as *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* and *The Mikado*. He is an accompanist and voice coach and serves on the faculty of the Marcia P. Hoffman Institute for the Performing Arts (Ruth Eckerd Hall) and also serves as organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist, St. Petersburg. His own opera, *The Spoiler*, premiered in Tarpon Springs in 2004 and was revived there in 2008, 2012, and 2016. In 2014, in recognition of Mr. Grame's lifelong dedication to the works of Richard Wagner, he attended the Bayreuth Wagner Festival as part of the Stipendiaten Programme, becoming one of very few Americans accorded this honor.

MEMBERSHIP: MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2019 ARE DUE IN DECEMBER. Application/renewal forms may be downloaded from the POL website-- www.pinellasoperaleague.com--and are also available from Stephanie Keating, Membership Chair. Send completed forms and checks made payable to POL -- \$50 for couple/family, \$30 for individual -- to the address on the form or submit them to Stephanie at the luncheon. 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: stkeating@aol.com

IN MEMORIAM: POL extends its condolences to the family and friends of long-time member Ann Shortway who passed away in November. Along with Patti Baldwin and Kay Slade, Ann organized the annual "Spring Hat Parade" to which she also contributed her own millinery creations.

Please keep members Laura Messing and Dr. Bryan Murphy in your thoughts and prayers as they face challenging times.

A MESSAGE FROM STEPHANIE KEATING:

Do you know anyone who is interested in opera but not yet a member of POL? If so, please share the POL newsletter with them and encourage them to join and partake of the benefits POL membership has to offer.

FEBRUARY FUND RAISER: DOROTHY NAEGELE, Ways & Means Chair, is asking for JEWELRY and SMALL NICK-NACK DONATIONS for this fund raiser to be held at the February luncheon. Please give your donations to Dorothy at the JANUARY luncheon.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

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Contributions such as these make it possible for POL to fulfill its mission.

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Please also contact Herma with any concerns, questions, comments, suggestions you may have about/for the POL and the newsletter as well as any news about members that you would like her to share with the membership.

LIVE FROM THE MET IN HD:

At the following area theaters: Woodland Square 20 in Oldsmar; Park Place Stadium 16, Pinellas Park; Citrus Stadium Park Mall 20 in Tampa; Sundial 19 & IMAX in St. Petersburg; Miller Auditorium at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. Please confirm ticket prices and show times with the theaters.

SAT., JANUARY 12 at 12:55 PM:

Cilea's, *ADRIANA LECOUVREUR*

Run time 4 hours

Gianandrea Nosedà conducts a new production by Sir David McVicar, starring Anna Netrebko

ENCORE at 6:00 PM on the WEDNESDAY following the above date. Please confirm with the theaters.

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. To find out who will be singing call 727-823-3767. The Dali Museum is located at 1 Dali Blvd. (Bayshore Dr.) SE and 5th Ave. SE, St. Petersburg.

RUTH ECKERD HALL:

727-791-7400 or www.rutheckerdhall.com

FRI. DEC. 21, 7:30 PM: TFO *Home Alone* in Concert

SAT.-SUN., DEC. 22-23: *The Sound of Music*

MON., DEC. 31 at 8:00 PM: Salute to Vienna

SUN., JAN. 6 at 7:30 PM: TFO *Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue*

WED., JAN 9 at 11:00 AM: TFO *Spirit of America*

THE FIRST NIGHTERS AT FRANCIS WILSON PLAYHOUSE will hold their CHARITY GALA for **NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT** on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 at 7 PM. Show starts at 8 PM.

Hors d'oeuvres, champagne and dessert for \$30.00.

For tickets please contact Patti Baldwin at 727-738-9121 or Kay Slade 727-785-2714.

