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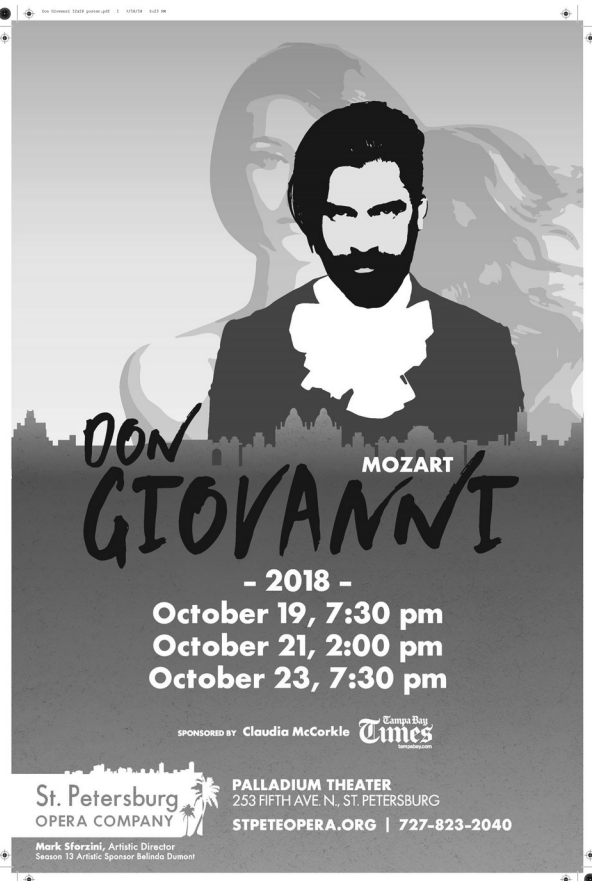
For tickets:

727-823-2040 OR STPETEOPERA.ORG

THE MAESTRO SERIES: "Preview to *Don Giovanni*"

October 4, 6:00 pm, The Music Gallery, 5990 Ulmer-ton Rd. Clearwater

October 5, 11:00 am: Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr. NE, St. Petersburg



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*Dedicated to Promoting a Greater Interest
in Opera and Musical Theater*

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CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ:

Verdi's *Aida* is based on a story thought to have been created by A, B or C?

A. Antonio Ghislanzoni B. Auguste Mariette C. Camille du Locle

Answers to the June quiz:

Whom do I contact in the "Opera Yellow Pages" if I need the following services?

For the best gingerbread cookies? - The witch in *Hansel and Gretel*

For the Swan water taxi? -- Lohengrin

For the best Middle Eastern belly dancer? -- Salome

For a demolition expert? -- Samson

For the owner of the Rainbow Bridge Co.? -- Wotan

For three ladies underwater swimming lessons? -- Rhinemaidens

If you have questions for the OPERA QUIZ that you would like to submit, please send them to Herma at hm4pol@gmail.com



The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter
of the
Pinellas Opera League
OCTOBER 2018

Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, October 3

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, pot roast w/vegetables,
warm berry cobbler

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 ARE REQUIRED. Please RESERVE as early as possible but NO LATER than SUNDAY, September 30, CANCEL by NOON on MONDAY, October 1. Luncheons reserved but not cancelled by this date and time, will require payment. VEGETARIAN MEALS must be requested when reservations are made. The Country Club will not honor requests after the Monday cancellation deadline. **PLEASE CALL in or EMAIL** your reservations to [URSULA @ 727-796-7260](mailto:URSULA@727-796-7260) or rwignall@tampabay.rr.com

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)

Also available but these require prior application:
Care Ride (Clearwater) 727.866.1193
Neighborly Care Network 727.888.0231

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PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

You will not want to miss this first luncheon of our 2018-2019 season at which ROBIN STAMPER, Managing Director of Opera Tampa will be accompanying JEAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, JORDAN BLAIR CAMPBELL, CHRISTOPHER LONGO and JENNY KIM-GODFREY!! The following bios are abbreviated; more detailed bios will be available at the luncheon.

JEAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ: Dominican born and baseball standout, Jean Carlos Rodriguez is known for his colorful baritone voice and charismatic stage presence. He started his musical career at Western Connecticut State University.

JORDAN BLAIR CAMPBELL: Florida native Jordan Blair Campbell attended The Manhattan School of Music. Upon graduating with her Bachelor's Degree in Classical Vocal Performance, Jordan began working at Sarasota Opera. She is currently the cantor at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in St. Petersburg and an Opera Tampa singer.

CHRISTOPHER LONGO: Christopher Longo, an tenor from Tampa, FL holds a Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music. He has performed the leading role of Alfredo in Verdi's *La Traviata* with Central City opera, and Chevalier de la Force in Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites* with Eastman Opera Theatre. In addition, he has covered George in Rorem's *Our Town* with Eastman Opera Theatre, Padre in Wasserman's *Man of La Mancha* with Central City Opera, Giuseppe in Verdi's *La Traviata* with Sarasota Opera, and Alfredo with St. Pete Opera Company.

JENNY KIM-GODFREY: Korean-American coloratura soprano Jenny Kim-Godfrey holds her Master of Music degree from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music where she studied with Mary Ann Hart and Emmy and two-time Grammy Award-winner Sylvia McNair. She has concertized throughout the United States, Canada, South Korea, and Italy—and has performed with St. Petersburg Opera.

ROBIN STAMPER: Currently the Managing Director and Chorus Master for Opera Tampa, Robin Andrew Stamper continues a versatile career as a coach-accompanist, chorus master and opera conductor.

MEMBERSHIP: PLEASE NOTE that MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2019 are DUE BY DECEMBER. Application/renewal forms may be downloaded from the POL website--www.pinellasoperaleague.com--and are also available from Stephanie Keating, Membership Chair. Send applications/renewals and dues check 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.

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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NEEDED: Members with basic word-processing/ computer skills to join the Board and attend its monthly meetings from September through June. Please contact Herma.

MARCIA LORK, Chair of the Education Committee, is looking for "a few brave souls" to join her at Pinellas public schools for the GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your enthusiasm about opera and to introduce this genre to the younger generation. You may speak at any grade level and for whatever length of time you choose—for one class period or for the whole school day. "It's not a job; it's an adventure!"

DOROTHY NAEGELE, Ways & Means Chair, is asking for JEWELRY and SMALL NICK-NACK DONATIONS FOR A FUND RAISER to be held in February. Please give your donations between now and then to Dorothy at the luncheons.

LIVE FROM THE MET IN HD:

At the following area theaters: Woodland Square 20 in Oldsmar, Park Place Stadium 16 in 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., OCTOBER 6 at 12:55 PM: Verdi's *AIDA*, Run time: 3 h 36 min.

SAT., OCTOBER 20 at 12:55 PM: Saint-Saëns' *SAMSON ET DALILA*, Run time: 3 h 4 min.

SAT., OCTOBER 27 at 12:55 PM: Puccini's *LA FANCIULLA DEL WEST*: Run Time: 3 h 22 min.

ENCORES at 6:30 PM on the WEDNESDAY following the above dates.

MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS: 727-204-4163 or www.MatineeOperaPlayers.org ; Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N, Pinellas Park
Season premiere, SUN., OCT. 21 at 3 PM presenting selections from well-known operas, show tunes and a popular song or two.
Mario Laurenti, Director, Rena Massey, Accompanist. Family friendly; pay-what-you-can; door prizes, free snacks at intermission and free parking.

NEW CENTURY OPERA in TARPON SPRINGS:
TUES., NOV. 13 at 11:30 AM OPERA 101 at the Heritage Museum in Tarpon Springs
100 Beekman/Liberty Lane, Tarpon Springs, www.tarponarts.org, Box Office 727-942-5605
Join Maestro Constantine Grame, Executive Director of New Century Opera, as we pull back the curtain on the sometimes mystifying and intimidating genre of opera. If you're new to opera or just need a little refresher, Grame will cover such topics as voice types, the roles of the orchestra and maestro, common opera terminology and much more. Get primed on the topic before seeing the New Century's production of Beethoven's *Fidelio* on Fri., Nov. 16 at 7:00 PM and Sun., Nov. 18 at 2:00 PM.

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

OPERA TAMPA:
ORDER FORMS FOR THE 2018-2019 SUNDAY MATINÉE PERFORMANCES are ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. THE ORDER FORMS WITH PAYMENT MUST REACH HERMA BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 so that your tickets that will be mailed to you by Opera Tampa will get to you on time for the first performance.

The following operas are scheduled for these SUNDAYS AT 2 PM: *DIE FLEDERMAUS* – DEC. 2; *THE PEARL FISHERS* – MARCH 17; *LA BOHÈME* – APRIL 28 Bus transportation is included in the ticket price. The bus will leave at 12:30 PM from the parking area at the Lowe's Garden Center in the Clearwater Mall (US 19N and Gulf-to-Bay Blvd.)

RUTH ECKERD HALL: Tickets 727-791-7400 or www.rutheckerdhall.com
THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA:
Sun., Sept. 30 at 7:30 PM – Beethoven Symphony #5
Sun., Oct. 28 at 7:30 PM – Eve at Bach's Coffeehouse