

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

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THE MAESTRO SERIES: "What Makes a Great Opera Melody"

April 19, 6:00 pm: The Music Gallery, 5990
Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater

April 20, 11:00 am: Museum of Fine Arts, 255
Beach Dr. NE, St. Petersburg

April 22, 3:00 pm: Peace Memorial Church,
110 S. Fort Harrison, Clearwater

SYMPHONIC CHAT for Tampa Bay Sympho-
ny's Spring Concert Series
Thursday April 26, 7:00 pm, Opera Central
2145 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg

SAVE THE DATE:

A decadent evening at the exquisite salon of Vio-
letta Valery



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CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ:

What do *Carmen*, *Fidelio* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*
have in common?

Aside from the fact that each of these operas is by
a different composer, what else do they not have in
common?

Answers to the March quiz: These operas take
place in the following countries:
Madama Butterfly -- Japan; *Faust* -- Germany;
Guillaume Tell -- Switzerland; *Der Fliegende Hol-
länder* -- Holland; *Macbeth* -- Scotland

Do you have opera quiz questions for the member-
ship 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
APRIL 2018

Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, April 4

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, rolls, chicken
cordon bleu, zucchini & squash, carrot cake

The price of the luncheon is \$22 for members
and \$25 for non-members, check preferred,
made payable to Pinellas Opera League. Please
have exact change if paying in cash.

**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE RE-
QUIRED.** Please RESERVE as early as
possible but NO LATER than SUNDAY,
APRIL 1, CANCEL by NOON on MONDAY,
APRIL 2. Luncheons reserved but not can-
celled by this date and time, will require pay-
ment. PLEASE CALL in or EMAIL your reser-
vations to URSULA @ 727-796-7260 or rwignall@tampabay.rr.com on time.

**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)

Care Ride (Clearwater) 727.866.1193

Neighborly Care Network 727.888.0231

PROGRAM FOR APRIL



CHRISTOPHER LONGO, an American tenor from Tampa, 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. Of his Chevalier

portrayal, the *Democrat and Chronicle* recognized that his "unperturbed purity of tone and precise pitch placement sharpened a strong dramatic presence." 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, and Giuseppe in Verdi's *La Traviata* with Sarasota Opera. His upcoming engagements include Alfredo cover in Verdi's *La Traviata* with St. Petersburg Opera.

TERESA ANCAYA, the accompanist, earned her Bachelor and Master of Music in piano performance from the University of South Florida and continued her post-graduate piano accompaniment study in Salzburg, Austria. Ms. Ancaya is a staff accompanist, coach and recitalist for the cello studio and two choirs at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg Opera Company, Opera Tampa, Florida Zephyrhills Chorale and the Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Pete as well as the principal accompanist for The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.

MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS: 727-204-4163 or www.MatineeOperaPlayers.org
Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N, Pinellas Park
Sun., April 22 at 3 PM: **BROADWAY** hits from *Cabaret*, *Les Mis*, *The Phantom*, and others.
Mario Laurenti, Director, Rena Massey, Accompanist
Pay-what-you-can; free snacks at intermission and free parking

MEMBERSHIP: Application/renewal forms may be downloaded from the POL website--www.pinellasoperaleague.com--and are also available at the luncheon. 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 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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A cordial welcome to returning member Mary VanderVest and a warm thank you to Patty Baldwin for her contribution to the Verdi Circle. Every contribution is vital to carrying out the League's mission!

Please note that the 2018 **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** will be available at the April luncheon. **NEEDED:** Members with basic word-processing/computer skills to join the Board and attend its monthly meetings from September through June. Please contact Herma.

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 Mall. Admission for seniors: \$23; in Pinellas Park \$25.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 at 12:55 PM:

Mozart's *Così fan tutte*. Running time 3h 32min.

ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 at 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 at 12:30 PM:

Verdi's *Luisa Miller*, Running time 3 h 28 min.

ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 at 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 at 12:55 PM:

Massenet's *Cendrillon*, Running time 2h 47 min.

ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 at 6:30 PM

CHECK THE POL WEBSITE—

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

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

THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA:

Sun., March 25 at 7:30 PM: A Little Night Music

Sun., April 22 at 7:30 PM: Verdi's *Requiem*

Sun., April 29 at 7:30 PM: Celebrate Broadway

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 :

SUNDAY, APRIL 15: Verdi's *Macbeth*

TICKET HOLDERS WITH BUS TRANSPORTATION PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BUS DEPARTS FROM THE LOWE'S PARKING LOT IN CLEARWATER MALL AT 12:30 PM. PLEASE ARRIVE BY 12:15 PM.

TAMPA BAY SYMPHONY:

The Spring Young Artist Series "A Tour of the Symphony"

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 at 2:30 PM, Straz Center, Ferguson Hall, Tampa

TUESDAY, MAY 1 at 8:00 PM, Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg

SUNDAY, MAY 6 at 2:30 PM, St. Petersburg College Arts Auditorium, Drew Street, Clearwater

TARPON SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER:

324 Pine Street (inside City Hall) 727-942-5605;

www.tarponarts.org

NEW CENTURY OPERA, Constantine Grame, Artistic Director, presents

Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*

March 23, 25 and 28; Tickets \$25

VOICEXPERIENCE:

Save the Date: May 27 – June 3, Florida VOICE Project at the Tarpon Heritage Museum, with Master Classes and an Opera Scenes Show at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center.

To be on VOICEexperience's e-blast list, send an email to production.voicexp@gmail.com or call 855.76.OPERA.