

## NEW! BUS TRANSPORTATION TO ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

St. Petersburg Opera's ninth season opens on Thursday, October 2 with Evenings with the Maestro, "Tears of a Clown: Preview to Pagliacci", 6:00 p.m. at the Music Gallery, 5990 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater. The program is repeated Friday morning, October 3 at the Museum of Fine Arts at 11:00a .m.

An international cast and 40-piece professional orchestra present the best in Neapolitan songs and opera in SPO's *Neapolitan Festival* cleverly paired with Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci*. *Neapolitan Festival* features singers, dancers and musicians in favorites such as "Come Back to Sorrento" and "Funiculi, Funiculà", and special renditions of the Three Tenors' "O sole mio" and "Santa Lucia". Lushly scored, the iconic sound of accordions and mandolins will transport you to Southern Italy where present-day characters seem to be reincarnations of their *Pagliacci* counterparts. The second half takes us back 150 years to the same Italian village where a comedy troupe performs the story of a clown, Pagliaccio. The show takes a dramatic turn when the clown's real-life wife is caught cheating. Jealousy and passion boil to the surface as shocked villagers witness a gut-wrenching murder. Are the actors still in character or is it real life? Sung in Italian with English translations displayed above the stage. Special Italian refreshments will be available for purchase.

Performances are Friday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m.. Sunday October 19 at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg. BUS TRANSPORTATION will be available for the Sunday matinee. Tickets available now from the SPO Box Office at 727-823-2040. Bus sign up forms will be available at the October luncheon.

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**LIVE FROM THE MET-** Live from The Met in HD broadcasts will begin on Saturday, October, 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:55 p.m. with Verdi's *Macbeth* at the AMC Woodlands Square in Oldsmar, Pinellas Park Regal Theaters, and at the Regal Citrus Park in Tampa. Check our website [www.pinellasoperaleague.com](http://www.pinellasoperaleague.com) for the 2014-15 schedule.

**OPERA AT THE DALI** concert series is held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Emerging opera artists give a 20 minute performances on the spiral staircase at the museum, FREE. The Dali Museum is at 1 Dali Blvd (Bayshore Dr). SE. and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. St. Petersburg, Fl. Call 727-823-3767 for the weekly opera performers singing.

**NEW WEBMASTER-**Will Warner is our new webmaster. Will has done an excellent job setting up the new website. Please take a look at it and you will be amazed at how user friendly it is. Will has enlarged the different attractions being offered to members in the area at a very reasonable price. He has set up the new fall series for "Live from The Met" with a whole new schedule of the coming attractions

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## The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter  
of  
Pinellas Opera League

OCTOBER, 2014

### Kick Off Luncheon Meeting:

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Social time begins at 11:00 a.m., business meeting at 11:30 a.m., program at 11:45 a.m., and lunch is served at 12:30 p.m.

Dunedin Country Club, 1050 Palm Boulevard, Dunedin, FL 34698

Menu: Salad and rolls, Pot Roast, Vegetables, Berry cobbler served warm

**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST** be made by FRIDAY, September 28 and cancellations by Saturday MORNING, September 29. Contact Nancy @727-738-4007. Many people were late calling in their reservations for the last luncheon. Please be sure to call in your reservations on time. This is a requirement of the Dunedin Country Club, not us.

At the May meeting, the membership voted to increase the price of the luncheons to \$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.

**REMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR  
50/50 AT THE DOOR.**

## PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER



### LUNCHEON:

Colman Reaboi, bari-  
tone, started singing  
at age 13 in South-  
field, MI. He at-  
tended Boston Con-  
servatory of Music.

He later became a  
cantor at the Temple Beth Shalom Syna-  
gogue. Colman has performed in opera,  
musicals on Broadway, and has worked  
with children's theaters. He is currently  
Cantor and Spiritual Leader for Con-  
gregation B'nai Emmanah in Tarpon  
Springs.

**LUNCHEON SPONSORS:** If you spon-  
sor our luncheon, you get to sit at the per-  
formers' table and chat with the artists.  
Please contact Nancy Jewitt at 727-738-4007.  
Sponsorship money is used to help pay for  
the performers' meals.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have one  
position open on the board: Ways and  
Means. Marcia Lork, chairman of our Edu-  
cation Committee, is looking for volunteers  
to help her with opera classes she is taking  
into the schools in the fall. Please call  
Marcia at 727-596-3884. She is also looking  
for someone to help her with the "Great  
American Teach-in" in our schools in the  
fall. Marcia also has an opera puzzle for the  
students to do when she visits the class-  
rooms.

**SILENT AUCTION-** Will resume at the  
October luncheon. Please be sure to bring  
your items and please be prepared to take  
them home with you that day. We do not  
have a storage place for them

## OPERA ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Will resume at the Safety Harbor Library on  
Sunday, October 12, with the FREE DVD showing  
of "*Luisa Miller*" by Verdi, starring Renata Scott,  
Placido Domingo, Sherrill Milnes, Jean Kraft,  
Boaldo Gaiotti, and James Morris. The library is  
located at 101 2nd St. N, Safety Harbor  
(diagonally across from the Safety Harbor Spa.)  
Phone 727-724-1525. There is free parking in  
back of the library. The library opens on Sunday  
at 1:00 p.m. and the DVD begins at 1:30 p.m. This  
is the second Sunday of the month. Paul Chap-  
man, who was our projectionist at the Leepa Ratt-  
ner Museum, will again be joining us to show the  
DVDs at the Safety Harbor Library.

**DUES ARE DUE IN OCTOBER! PLEASE  
PAY YOUR DUES** to our new membership  
chairman, Herma Moschner, at the luncheon or  
send it to Herma at 910 S. Keystone Ave., Clear-  
water, FL 33756, phone-727-437-7608. Dues for  
one year is \$25.00; family/couple \$40.00. The  
membership form is on our website-  
[www.pinellasoperaleague.com](http://www.pinellasoperaleague.com). We welcome  
Herma to the Board.

**2014 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY-** Judith  
McLeod will be working this season on our new  
membership directory. She would welcome vol-  
unteers. Phone 727-940-8166

**RUTH ECKERD HALL-** For tickets and in-  
formation 727-726-5243. Upcoming events include  
Saturday, November 1, at 8:00 p.m, Susan Boyle  
will be in concert, and Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> at  
7:30 p.m: The Florida Orchestra with the Master  
Chorale singing "*Carmina Burana*". Wayne  
Green is presently working on putting a package  
together with Ruth Eckerd Hall for these pro-  
grams. Please be sure to sign up for one of them  
at the October luncheon.

## Letter from our President:

Dear members and friends of the Pinellas Opera  
League,  
Welcome to the 2014-15 season. I hope all of you  
had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Our  
members have an exceptional opera season to  
experience this year. We have social tea fund-  
raisers, afternoon cruises, and musical perform-  
ances. All of these Pinellas Opera League club  
events benefit opera and musical productions in  
our community and promote a wonderful cama-  
raderie among our group members. As we begin  
our new opera season with our first luncheon in  
October, I know many of you will be seeing old  
friends and we look forward to welcoming new  
friends. The new opera and musical theater  
events are exciting, beginning with St. Peters-  
burg Opera's *Neapolitan Festival* and *Pagliacci*.  
There are special events planned this season  
with the bus trip to see Opera Tampa produc-  
tions. We are looking into planning other bus  
trips to see other operatic productions like Sara-  
sota Opera. Ruth Eckerd Hall has new programs  
and shows at special rates for our members. Pi-  
nellas Opera League will resume its outreach  
programs such as "Opera on Sunday Afternoon"  
at the Safety Harbor library, "Great American  
Teach In", and "Live from The Met" showings.  
As always, we need volunteers to continue our  
outreach programs. If you are interested in vol-  
unteering please sign up at our luncheon. Your  
generous donations have benefited singers  
through our scholarship program allowing them  
to continue pursuing their training and gracing  
our opera and musical theater productions. Do-  
nations are always welcome to help us continue  
our awards and educational programs. I look  
forward to seeing all of you at our next lunch-  
eon. In the meantime if I can help you in any-  
way, please contact me at  
[pinellasoperaleague@gmail.com](mailto:pinellasoperaleague@gmail.com)

With gratitude,  
Christina Alexander  
President