

## ST. PETERSBURG OPERA



The poor peasant Nemorino and beautiful land-owner Adina are destined to fall in love. All that's needed is the quack Dr. Dulcamara to provide the elixir and a pompous sergeant Belcore to provide some competition. These four characters will delight and entertain you as the story twists and turns and ultimately delivers the famous tenor aria "Una furtiva lagrima" before the couple unites.

Call now for tickets: 727-823-2040  
or [www. Stpeteopera.org](http://www.Stpeteopera.org)



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**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.

**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:** Do you know your opera ABCs continues! Name operas whose one-word titles begin with these letters (S, T, W) and identify the composers.

Answers to the January quiz: Some one-word opera titles and their composers:

N: *Norma* (Bellini), *Nabucco* (Verdi); O: *Otello* (Verdi), *Oberon* (Weber)

P: *Parsifal* (Wagner); R: *Rigoletto* (Verdi), *Rodelinda* (Handel), *Rienzi* (Wagner), *Rusalka* (Dvořák)

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## The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter  
of the  
Pinellas Opera League  
FEBRUARY 2017

### Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, February 1

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:** Creamed broccoli soup with rolls,  
Swiss braised steak, mashed potatoes, green  
beans with almonds, strawberry short cake

**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** and **MUST** be made **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE** but no later than **MONDAY, January 30** and cancellations by **NOON** on Tuesday, January 31. Contact Nancy @727-738-3447. Please note that this is a **NEW PHONE NUMBER** and 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.**

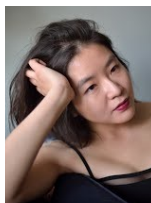
**NO SILENT AUCTION:** The POL Board has decided to suspend the silent auction until further notice.

## PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY:

Erin Huelskamp, founder and artistic director of the Sunshine City Opera Co. brings two of her artist colleagues to introduce us to her company. Huelskamp is a dancer, composer, stage director, actress, and flutist.



Grammy-nominated mezzo-soprano THEA LOBO has appeared with conductors such as Gunther Schuller and Harry Christophers and has been featured by the Firebird Ensemble and the Europäisches Musikfest Stuttgart among others. Dedicated to new music, art song, and early music, she has also been featured on True Concord's Grammy winning recording of Stephen Paulus's "Prayers & Remembrances" and is the recipient of a variety of prestigious awards, grants and prizes. Ms. Lobo is a graduate of New England Conservatory and Boston University.



Ms. Lobo will be accompanied by music director EUNMI KO, Assistant Professor of Piano and co-advisor of the New-Music Consortium at USF who holds MM and DMA degrees from the Eastman School of Music.

Additional information about Ms. Lobo and Ms. Ko at [www.thealobo.com](http://www.thealobo.com) and [www.eunmiko.com](http://www.eunmiko.com)

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

"THANK YOU" to all members who have renewed their POL membership for 2017 and an extra "THANK YOU" to those who also have contributed to our "Circles"! **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 OPERA DVD SHOWING:

"La Fille du Regiment" by Donizetti starring Juan Diego Flórez on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 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. For information call Richard Davidson at 727-242-6486.

## LIVE FROM THE MET BROADCASTS IN HD PLEASE NOTE that due to construction in the theater, there will NO SHOWINGS AT THE WOODLANDS THEATER in Oldsmar

THROUGH APRIL. Showings will take place at the Regal Theater on Highway 19 N in Pinellas Park and at the Citrus Mall in Tampa. Admission for seniors: \$22; in Pinellas Park \$25 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> at 12:55 pm. *RUSALKA* by Antonín Dvořák starring Kristine Opolais ; Running time: 3 h 40 min. **ENCORE:** Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 pm.

**MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS** 727.204.4163 or [www.MatineeOperaPlayers.org](http://www.MatineeOperaPlayers.org)

Mario Laurenti, Director, Admission: Pay-What-You-Can Sunday, February 26 at 3 pm. "Springing into Opera" This family-friendly production with pianist Rena Massey will include arias by Tchaikovsky and Handel, show tunes from musicals such as *Camelot* and *South Pacific* as well as some older American Country tunes favored by the Maestro. At the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78<sup>th</sup> Ave., Pinellas Park 33781. There is plenty of free parking and the Center is wheelchair accessible. Free snacks are available at intermission.

**THE FIRST NIGHTERS OF THE FRANCIS WILSON PLAYHOUSE** will be hosting "Hello Dolly" on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 at 7:00 pm. \$30.00 tickets available with Kay Slade, JoAnn Combati, Ann Shortway and Patti Baldwin (727.738.9121).

**POL ADDRESS:** P.O. BOX 4855, Clearwater, FL 33758. **EMAIL ADDRESS:** [hm4pol@gmail.com](mailto:hm4pol@gmail.com) The POL BY-LAWS with revisions proposed by the by-laws committee will be mailed to all members in January. **PLEASE NOTE:** The VOTE by the membership ON THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF THE BY-LAWS will be held during the business meeting AT THE LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OPERA TAMPA:** 813.229.7827

or [operatampa.org](http://operatampa.org)

The Opera Tampa 2017 season will feature *Cinderella* on Feb. 12 and *Tosca* on April 9. All performances are on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm. If you have purchased tickets through POL, please note that the **BUS FOR OPERA TAMPA PERFORMANCES WILL LEAVE AT 12:30 PM FROM THE CLEARWATER MALL IN FRONT OF THE LOWE'S GARDEN CENTER.**

## Upcoming Events at the STRAZ CENTER:

[RSVP@strazcenter.org](mailto:RSVP@strazcenter.org), 813.222.4890

Jan. 24, 26, 30, Feb. 2 6:30-8:30: Open Rehearsals for *Cinderella*. In the Rehearsal Hall, tickets \$10

Feb. 5 at 2:00 pm: **DISCOVER OPERA:** *Cinderella* in Ferguson Hall

**RUTH ECKERD HALL:** Tickets 727-791-7400 or [www.rutheckerdhall.com](http://www.rutheckerdhall.com)

Jan. 22, Feb. 9, 26, March 5 at 7:30 pm: The Florida Orchestra

Wed., Feb. 22 at 11 am: The Florida Orchestra  
March 2 at 7:30 pm: "Sleeping Beauty"

**TARPON SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER:** 324 Pine Street (inside City Hall) 727.942.5605 and [www.tarponarts.org](http://www.tarponarts.org)

Thur., Feb. 16 at 7:30 pm, \$18.00: Sherrill Milnes: Anthology of an Opera Star. Come and enjoy Mr. Milnes' clips from his operatic performances as well as amusing stories about his life and stellar career.

**TAMPA BAY SYMPHONY:** 727.827.8087 or [www.TampaBaySymphony.org](http://www.TampaBaySymphony.org)

Mark Sforzini, Music Director, Tickets \$20 at the door

"Spring Awakens" Featuring Young Artist Competition Winner

February 12 at 4 pm at the St. Pete College Arts Auditorium on Drew Street

February 14 at 8 pm at the Palladium

February 19 at 4 pm at Ferguson Hall, Straz Center

## 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