

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

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Seasonal Sparkle is a banquet of all your favorite holiday music. Don't miss it! Featuring the fabulous SPO Chorus and Orchestra and soloists.

VOICEXPERIENCE PINELLAS COUNTY OUT-REACH: As part of its educational outreach programs supported by FL organizations including the Pinellas Opera League, VOICExperience will be sharing music through outreaches in Pinellas County in December, going to four area middle and high schools as part of their education program.

Pinellas Opera League

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Dedicated to Promoting a Greater Interest
in Opera and Musical Theater

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CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ:

Sopranos vs Mezzos! Ron Fekete challenges you to (a) name an opera by Donizetti, Puccini, Strauss, Verdi and Wagner that features a soprano and a mezzo as adversaries and (b) to name these adversaries.

Answers to the November quiz:

Operas suitable for Halloween:

Boito's *Mefistofele*; Britten's *The Turn of the*

Screw; Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*;

Verdi's *Macbeth*; Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*

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

Also available but these require prior application:

Care Ride (Clearwater) 727.866.1193

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The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter
of the
Pinellas Opera League

DECEMBER 2018

Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, December 5

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: Salad and rolls, steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, mint-chocolate parfait

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 2, CANCEL by NOON on MONDAY, December 3. Luncheons 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](mailto:URSULA@tampabay.rr.com) 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 DECEMBER

JULIA GLICKSBERG, Mezzo Soprano

Ms. Glicksberg is a fresh face from the USF School of Music Voice Performance program. Her stage experience includes the role of Casilda in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*, Edith in *Pirates of Penzance*, recitals with the USF chamber singers, school performances under the direction of Dr. Robyn Rocklein and working with the St. Pete Opera chorus. Ms. Glicksberg has also performed in the Opera Tampa chorus accompanying Andrea Bocelli.

TERESA ANCAYA, Pianist

Ms. Ancaya 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 The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM GARRETT LISTER:

St. Petersburg College Foundation forwarded the following note from Garrett Lister, recipient of the Summer 2018 Pinellas Opera League Scholarship:

To the Pinellas Opera League

I am so very appreciative that you have chosen me for your scholarship. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to experience and learn opera through many different viewpoints, from the experienced staff of teachers such as Marilyn Michael and Angelika Theoharis to Scott Cooper who has been helping us put actions to our music. All this is to say thank you for helping me on my lifelong journey to becoming the greatest opera singer!

P.S. If there is ever anything I could do for you such as sing at a lunch or in a special event don't hesitate to ask. God bless.

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.**

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CHANGES TO THE POL BOARD:

Due to the resignation of Corresponding Secretary Laurette Schmitt, Martha Fisler, Recording Secretary since January, will be assuming this office. Thank you Laurette and Martha for your time and efforts in these offices. ANNE DECKER has kindly agreed to be the NEW RECORDING SECRETARY. Welcome to the Board and THANK YOU, ANNE!

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 NAE-GELE, 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 BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY to Dorothy at the luncheons.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Paul & Louise Chapman— Wagner Circle
Margaret Darraugh — Verdi Circle
Barbara Sims — Verdi Circle
Ursula Wignall — Bell Scholarship, Verdi Circle,
2 Performers' luncheons

Contributions such as these make it possible for POL to fulfill its mission. In 2018, POL funded a \$500 SPC scholarship for the Summer 2018 term that was awarded to Garrett Lister. His thank you note is printed in the left column.



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., DEC. 15 at 12:55 PM:

Verdi's *LA TRAVIATA*, Run time 3 h 30 min.

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts a new production starring Diana Damrau and Juan Diego Flórez.

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

MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS:

727-204-4163 or www.MatineeOperaPlayers.org
Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. N, Pinellas Park
SUNDAY, DEC. 16 at 3 PM: HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA; Mario Laurenti, Director, Rena Massey, Accompanist. Family friendly; pay-what-you-can; door prizes, free snacks at intermission and free parking.

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.

OPERA TAMPA:

SUNDAY, DEC. 2 at 2 PM: *DIE FLEDERMAUS*
The BUS WILL LEAVE at 12:30 PM from the parking field at the Lowe's Garden Center at Clearwater Mall (US 19N and Gulf-to-Bay Blvd.). Tickets are mailed by Opera Tampa to the address provided on the order form. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR TICKETS BY NOV. 26, please contact Herma (727-437-7508).

RUTH ECKERD HALL:

727-791-7400 or www.rutheckerdhall.com
TUES., DEC. 4, 7:30 PM: REH Chorus Holiday Concert
SUN., DEC. 16 at 2:00 & 7:30 PM: TFO Holiday Pops
TUES., DEC. 18 at 7:00 PM: *The Nutcracker*
WED., DEC. 19 at 11:00 AM: TFO Orchestra a la Carte
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

VOICEXPERIENCE: Davenport House Concert Series DEC., 2, MAR. 11 and JUNE 4; Davenport House Museum, Savannah, GA; Celebrate the seasons in Savannah with this special concert series in the historic Davenport House! Tickets are \$35 each and available at SavannahVOICEFestival.org.