

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

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Noble mysticism meets earthy comedy

Your mother tells you to murder her enemy; your boyfriend won't talk to you. What's a girl to do? This is a fairy tale opera- a tale of good versus evil where the Queen of the Night persuades Prince Tamino to rescue her daughter Pamina, held captive by the high priest Sarastro. Tamino and Pamina undergo severe trials which end in triumph, with the Queen vanquished. The earthy Papageno, who accompanies Tamino on his quest, fails the trials completely but is rewarded anyway with his ideal mate. Mozart's final opera, *the Magic Flute* has remained an audience favorite for over 225 years!

Friday, February 2 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 4 at 2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm

At the Palladium Theater, 253 Fifth Ave. N, St. Petersburg, FL

PREVIEW TO THE MAGIC FLUTE:

January 11, 6:00 pm, The Iberian Rooster
January 18, 6:00 pm, The Music Gallery
January 19, 11:00 am, Museum of Fine Arts
The Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg

CONGRATULATIONS to the cast and crew of SPO's *Susannah* on being selected by Opera News as one of the best recordings of 2017. Get your copy of this DVD from St. Pete Opera or on Amazon.com.

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

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

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CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ: Name the composers of these operas based on Shakespeare's plays that are listed below.
(Part 2 of a question submitted by Ronald Fekete.)

Some possible answers to the December quiz:

Antony & Cleopatra, Hamlet, Julius Cesar, King Lear, Othello, Macbeth, The Merry Wives of Windsor (Falstaff), A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado about Nothing, Romeo and Juliette, The Tempest

Do you have opera quiz questions for the membership that you would like to submit? Please send them to Herma at hm4pol@gmail.com.

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The Aria

The Monthly Newsletter
of the
Pinellas Opera League
JANUARY 2018

Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, January 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: Cream of asparagus soup, rolls, pecan crusted chicken, stuffed baked tomato, red potatoes, caramel bread pudding

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.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COST OF THE LUNCHEON FOR ANYONE WHO HAS NOT RENEWED THE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 WILL BE \$25.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and MUST be made AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE but no later than MONDAY, January 1, cancellations by NOON on Tuesday, January 2. IMPORTANT!! PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE: CALL in OR EMAIL your reservations to [URSULA @ 727-796-7260](mailto:URSULA@727-796-7260) or rwignall@tampabay.rr.com ON TIME.

JEWELRY SALE: Thank you to all who generously supported it. Your \$240 will go toward the scholarship fund. Congratulations to Dorothy Naegele and Ursula Wignall for organizing this successful event!

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY



Yes, he is coming back! Baritone **JEAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ**, that is! All who heard him sing at our previous luncheons, most recently the one in December, know that another delightful musical treat awaits us. Mr. Rodriguez is currently a member of Opera

Tampa's Emerging Artists program and made his operatic professional debut with Opera Tampa in 2017 as "Count Paris" in Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet*. In the 2018 Opera Tampa season, he will be singing the role of "Fiorello" in Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* in February.



Also returning to entertain us is soprano **EILEEN VANESSA RODRIGUEZ** who appeared with Jean Carlos Rodriguez at our March 2017 luncheon. Originally from Queens, NY, she has been an Opera Tampa singer since 2012 and has also sung with the Spanish Lyric

Theater, South Florida Lyric Opera, Winter Opera of St. Louis, Hubbard Hall Opera, and the St. Petersburg Opera Company. Ms. Rodriguez holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from the University of South Florida.

Accompanying the singers will be **ROBIN STAMPER**, Opera Tampa's managing director and chorus master who will conduct Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* on March 2nd and 4th. An Orlando native, Mr. Stamper graduated from The Juilliard School of Music in piano performance. He has served as music director for the Kentucky Opera in Louisville and the Nevada Opera. Subsequently, he was music and chorus director with the Orlando Opera until that company closed in 2009. He joined Opera Tampa in 2015.

**Happy
New Year**

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF POL OFFICERS FOR 2018-2020:

PRESIDENT: Herma Moschner

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MESSAGE FROM HERMA MOSCHNER:

Jerry, Kathy, Martha, Laurette and I thank you for your vote of confidence. We look forward to your continued support and participation as we carry out the league's mission "to promote the appreciation and performance of opera and musical theater in the Tampa Bay area."

SINCEREST THANKS TO NANCY JEWITT AND WAYNE GREEN FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE POL!

MEMBERSHIP: BEGINNING IN JANUARY, the cost of the luncheons for those members who have not renewed their 2018 membership by the end of December will be \$25. **ALSO NOTE:** If you wish to have your name included in the 2018 **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**, your membership renewal must reach us by the **END OF DECEMBER**.

Application/renewal forms may be downloaded from the POL website--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.**

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A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Emma Beideman, Carol Dore, Stephanie Keating and Anne Decker. A HEARTY THANK YOU to the following for their special contributions: Paul & Louise Chapman – Wagner Circle; Nancy Jewitt – Mozart Circle and a performer's luncheon; Geoffrey Burns, Michael & Iris Long, and Ursula Wignall – Verdi Circle

POL extends its sincere **CONDOLENCES** to the family and friends of long-time POL member Mario Santangelo who passed away on Nov. 20.

POL OPERA DVD SHOWINGS AT THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY ARE CANCELLED.

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

The Florida Orchestra

Sat., Dec. 23 at 2 PM & 7:30 PM: *The Nutcracker* with the Tampa Ballet Theatre

Sun., Dec. 31 at 8 PM: *Salute to Vienna*

Wed., Jan. 10 at 11 AM: *Musicians in the Spotlight*

Wed., Jan. 31 at 11 AM: *Best of British*

JERSEY BOYS: TICKET REQUESTS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

At Ruth Eckerd Hall on Friday, March 30 at 8 PM. For the order form see Herma at the luncheon, call 727-437-7508 or send an email to hm4pol@gmail.com

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 : ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

Tickets may be ordered now by POL members for the following performances on Sundays at 2PM:

February 4: Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*

March 4: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*

April 15: Verdi's *Macbeth*

ALL 3 OPERAS -- \$139; SINGLE tickets \$60 (\$55 for *Figaro*)

Ticket prices include round-trip bus transportation (pick-up at 12:30PM at Clearwater Mall):

RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

Order forms are available at the POL luncheons or contact Wayne Green at 727-470-9537.

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.

JANUARY 27 at 12:55 PM: New production of Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca* starring Sonya Yoncheva, Vittorio Grigolo and Sir Bryn Terfel. Running time 2h 53min.

ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 at 6:30 PM