

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA

Noble mysticism meets earthy comedy



Myth and magic with magnificent music draw you into a fantasy world in Mozart's ever-popular opera. The handsome Tamino and the bird catcher Papageno make quite a pair on their mission to rescue the Queen of the Night's daughter from a secretive group of priests. From the stratospheric singing of the Queen to the lowest notes of the High Priest Sarastro, a battle is being played out with all the characters caught in between.

Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions winner Todd Wilander stars as Tamino with stage direction by Michael Unger.

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

For tickets:

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CHECK YOUR OPERA IQ:

Opera settings transport us to locales familiar and exotic. Name the operas set in these locales: Babylon, China, Island of Ceylon, Cyprus, Egypt

Answers to the January quiz:

Antony & Cleopatra - Samuel Barber; *Hamlet* - Thomas; *Julius Cesar* - Handel;
King Lear - Verdi; *Othello* - Verdi; *Macbeth* - Verdi; *The Merry Wives of Windsor (Falstaff)* - Verdi; *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - Britten;
Much Ado about Nothing - Berlioz; *Romeo and Juliette* - Bellini; *The Tempest* - Adès

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
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FEBRUARY 2018



Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, February 7

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: Salad and rolls, corned beef and cabbage, escalloped apples, mint parfait

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, February 5, cancellations by NOON on Tuesday, February 6. 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.

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 FEBRUARY

Dr. Jaworski's students in Vocal Performance at UFS will perform music from Mozart's delightful comedy *Così fan tutte*, loosely translated "So Do They All." This two-act opera sung in Italian premiered in Vienna in 1790 and was the second collaboration between Mozart and librettist Lorenzo da Ponte. It tells the story of two young men who bet that their sweethearts will always be faithful only to learn, as they disguise themselves and court each other's lover, that their "women are fickle," another common translation of the Italian title. All ends well as the scheme is revealed, the women are forgiven and each couple is happily reunited but not before some comic events and beautiful arias and ensembles.

Dr. Warren Jaworski, Associate Professor of Voice and Song Literature at the USF School of Music, earned his BM and MM from the University of Michigan and his doctorate from Indiana University. He has appeared as soloist with the Detroit Symphony and the Florida Orchestra and has sung in numerous oratorio societies throughout the USA. Dr. Jaworski has also performed in Germany, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Ireland, England, and New Zealand. In addition to singing, giving workshops and being director of Northern Indiana Opera Association as well as Midwest Artist Management, he "has been an active clinician for vocal and choral workshops and judged numerous vocal competitions." In 2006, Dr. Jaworski was awarded the Hispanic Pathways Award, five years later he received the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award in the School of Music from the Provost of USF and in 2012, he was presented with the Cultural Achievement Award by the Florida Suncoast Opera Guild.



MEMBERSHIP: 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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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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 at 12:00 PM: Donizetti's *L'Elisir D'Amore*. Running time 2h 39min.

ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 at 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 at 12:30 PM: Puccini's *La Bohème*. Running time 2h 55min.

ENCORE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 at 6:30 PM

MATINEE OPERA PLAYERS: 727-204-4163 or www.MatineeOperaPlayers.org Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave. North, Pinellas Park
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 at 3 PM: Mario's Birthday Bash to celebrate Maestro Laurenti's 97th birthday. Pay-what-you-can, free snacks, free parking.

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

The Florida Orchestra

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

Sun., Feb. 11 at 7:30 PM: Star Trek & Star Wars

Sun., Feb. 18 at 7:30 PM: Romeo and Juliet

Sun., Feb. 25 at 7:30 PM: Dvorak's New World Symphony

Wed., Feb. 28 at 11 AM: Center Stage

Fri., Feb. 2 at 2 PM & 8 PM: Cabaret

Sat., Feb. 24 at 8 PM: Swan Lake

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, FEBRUARY 4: Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*

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

Please be there a few minutes prior to departure.

TAMPA BAY SYMPHONY: The Winter Series "East Meets West" plus a world premiere of a double concerto for clarinet and bassoon, featuring Brian Moorhead, clarinet, and Mark Sforzini, bassoon.
TUESDAY, FEB. 20 at 8:00 PM, Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg
SUNDAY, FEB. 25 at 2:30 PM, St. Petersburg College Arts Auditorium, Drew Street in Clearwater

TARPON SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER:
324 Pine Street (inside City Hall) 727-942-5605;
www.tarponarts.org
Feb. 1 – 4: The Mikado

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