

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA NEWS:

April 17, 2014: Evenings with the Maestro “Daggerous Liaisons”
Thursday evening at the Music Gallery at 6:00 p.m. Swords, daggers, knives, sharp words: what won't opera characters use to cut each other up? In opera instruments are always being plunged into the characters. Think of *Romeo and Juliet*, *West Side Story*, *Rigoletto*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *Carmen*, just for starters. We'll have the original Cut-Up, Maestro Sforzini, that man with the cutting edge wit and sharp mind, to guide us through this slice and dice program. It will be fun to see who survives!

Norma is coming in early June, with Elizabeth de Trejo in the title role and Jennifer Feinstein as her friend and rival, Adalgisa. (June And right on the heels of this bel canto masterpiece, we're producing *West Side Story* June 27-July 6. In the meantime, we have four more Evenings with the Maestro and Mornings with the Maestro presentations.

Season ticket brochures will be in the mail during April. Renew your seats early to make sure you don't miss a moment of great opera!

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LUNCHEON CRUISE FUNDRAISER: The luncheon cruise on the “Starlight Majesty” on Sunday February 15, was a huge success. Those who attended found the food delicious and the leisure cruise along Clearwater Bay entertaining. We raised \$167.00. Photos from the cruise are on our website.

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The Monthly Newsletter
of
Pinellas Opera League

APRIL, 2014

Luncheon Meeting:

Wednesday, April 2, 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: Onion Soup, Rolls, Beef Strogan-off over Noodles, Asparagus, Double Chocolate Cake

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST be made by Sunday, March 30, and cancellations by Monday, March 31. Contact Nancy @727-738-4007. Cost \$20.00 cash or check only made out to Pinellas Opera League, payable at the door. Please come after 10:30 a.m.

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

SILENT AUCTION: We will discontinue the silent auction for the next few months.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL LUNCHEON:



Erica DiCeglie is an accomplished singer, songwriter, actor and musical director. Her voice has graced venues throughout Europe in Rome, Florence, Venice, Dublin and Krakow,

as well as in the Tampa Bay area. She also has been a successful performer for the children's theater company, Stages Productions, and has performed at the Mahaffey theater, at the Largo Cultural Center, and at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. Erica serves as assistant music director for St. Jerome Church in Largo.

EASTER STARS AT THE PARADE: Patti Baldwin will again be putting on the show "Easter Stars at the Parade" at our April luncheon, as she did last year. We look forward to the show.

LUNCHEON SPONSORS: If you sponsor our luncheon, you get to sit at the performers' 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.

NEW VENUE: OPERA ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON: April 13, 2014 at the Safety Harbor Public Library, 101 2nd Street N, Safety Harbor, FL 34695; Meeting Room A. Telephone (727) 724-1525. *This is diagonally across the street from the Safety Harbor Spa.* There is parking in back of the library. Note that this is the **SECOND** Sunday of the month. The featured DVD is "*Nabucco*", by Giuseppe Verdi, starring Renato Bruson and Maurizio Frusoni. Running Time 132 minutes. The library door opens at 1:00 p.m. and the video begins at 1:30 p.m. **FREE**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have 2 positions open on the Board: Ways and Means and Publications. We also need volunteers for our "Opera on Sunday Afternoon" showings at the Safety Harbor Library. Marcia Lork, chairman of our Education Committee, is looking for volunteers to help with the Great American Teach-in held in our schools.

DUES WERE DUE IN OCTOBER!
PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES to Ursula Wignall at the luncheon or mail to 2407 Flint Lock Dr., Clearwater, FL 33765-1726. Phone 727-796-7260. Dues for one year is \$25.00; family/couple \$40.00. The membership form is on our website- www.pinellasoperaleague.com . If you do not pay your dues, you will no longer receive your newsletter.

RUTH ECKERD HALL: Upcoming events presented by Ruth Eckerd Hall include "Ten Tenors", Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. , and "Wizard Of Oz" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Tues. April 15, Wed. April 16, Thurs. April 17, Fri. April 18, Sat. April 19, all programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

LIVE FROM THE MET— the next showings will be Saturday, April 5, Puccini's "*La Bohème*"-12:55, and April 26th, Mozart's- "*Così Fan Tutte*" at 12:55, The LIVE IN HD broadcasts are at the AMC Woodlands Square in Oldsmar, Pinellas Park Regal Theaters, and Regal Citrus Park.

PHOTOS: Pictures from the March and April luncheon will be on display on our website under LUNCHEONS and anyone interested in purchasing a picture from Dita Charlton, please contact her at 813-368-6828 or email-dita@deeglamour. We want to thank Dita for taking pictures of our April luncheon parade.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: The POL Board has voted to award \$500.00 to VOICEexperience. Our 2013 scholarship recipient is Esther Schneider who has been accepted into The Boston Conservatory. Esther also participated at the "Dare to Dream Scholarship Competition Finals" at Ruth Eckerd Hall, March 18th this year.