

ST. PETERSBURG OPERA:

EVENINGS WITH THE MAESTRO:

“Opera in the Movies” Maestro Sforzini has selected some of his favorite movie music right out of the opera repertoire. This interesting examination of the powerful use of arias and opera music in modern cinema will enlighten and entertain. These live performance lectures are lots of fun and we'd like to see you there.

Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Music Gallery, 5990 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater. Tickets are only \$17 for seniors (\$20 general admission) Program repeats on Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg. 727-823-2040 or www.stpeteopera.org

OPERA IDOL: A new crop of singers will work with Maestro Sforzini for five weeks and then compete in a fun-filled evening of song. Only one will be crowned Opera Idol by the audience! Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Opera Central, 2145 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg. 727-823-2040 for tickets.

SEASONAL SPARKLE 2014: You won't want to miss this annual celebration of great music and the holidays. Elizabeth Futral, star of the Metropolitan Opera and the Chicago Lyric Opera, will join the SPO chorus and orchestra for Mahler's “The Youth's Magic Horn” (Des Knaben Wunderhorn). Tickets on sale now at 727-823-2040 or www.stpeteopera.org

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The Aria

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Luncheon Meeting:

Wednesday, November 5, 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: Squash soup, rolls, turkey with dressing, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, pumpkin parfait

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST be made by Friday, October 31 and cancellations by Saturday Nov 1. Contact Nancy @727-738-4007. Cost \$22.00 for members, \$25 for non-members and guests; cash or check only made out to Pinellas Opera League, payable at the door. Please get your reservations in on time!

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.



**PROGRAM FOR
NOVEMBER
LUNCHEON:**

The November performer will be Morgan Ryan, a student of Dr. Warren Jaworski at the University

of South Florida. A senior, she has been active with the opera program at the USF, performing the roles of the Mother in Humperdinck's "Hansel & Gretel" and Mrs. Todd in Menotti's "The Old Maid and The Thief". This past summer she participated in VOICEexperience.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES (DUE IN OCTOBER) to Herma Moschner at the luncheon or send it to her at 910 S. Keystone Ave. Clearwater, FL 33756, Phone-727-437-7508. Dues for one year are \$25.00; family/couple \$40.00. The membership form is on our website-www.pinellasoperaleague.com

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SILENT AUCTION- The silent auction began again in October. Please be sure to bring your jewelry, art objects, and pictures to donate to the auction. Be sure to plan to take any items brought to the auction home with you that day. We do not have storage for them.

OPERA ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON will be showing the DVD opera "*Norma*" by Vincenzo Bellini, starring Joan Sutherland and Tatiana Troyanos, at the Safety Harbor Public Library, ON Sunday, November, 23RD Showtime is 1:30 p.m. The library opens at 1:00 p.m. FREE. (this is the fourth Sunday of the month.) The library is located at 101 2nd St. N, Safety Harbor, (diagonally across the street from the Safety Harbor Spa). Phone 727-724-1525. There is parking in back of the library. Running time 150 minutes

LIVE FROM THE MET: The Live in HD broadcasts began in October at the AMC Woodlands Square in Oldsmar, Pinellas Park Regal Theaters, and at the Regal Citrus Park in Tampa. On Saturday, Nov. 1, at 12:55 P.M. "*Carmen*" by Bizet, will be shown. Running time 3hr. 50 minutes. Also on Saturday, November, 22, at 12:55 "*Il Barbiere Di Siviglia*" by Rossini, running time 3hrs 25 minutes. Tickets for seniors \$20.00

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We have 1 position open on the board: Ways And Means. We need a person to help us as a substitute to stuff the newsletter for mailing at our monthly board meeting when our regular person cannot make it. Marcia Lork, Chairman of our Education Committee is looking for volunteers to help her with opera classes she is taking into the schools. Please call Marcia at 727-596-3884. She is also looking for someone to help her with the "The Great American Teach- In" in our schools this fall.

POL FUNDRAISER: On Sunday, January 11, from 1-3, we will be having an afternoon tea fundraiser at the British Tea House in Dunedin, FL.. The Pinellas Opera League will be having an inside room to ourselves, but the outside space will be open to the public. Tickets are \$25.00. This includes cream tea, coffee and delicious sweet and savory culinary offerings. The Pinellas Opera League will need a \$50.00 deposit to hold the room. Please continue to sign up for our tea at the November luncheon, or for reservations please call Wayne Green, our Special Events Chairman, at 727-470-9537.

RUTH ECKERD HALL: On Saturday, November 1, Susan Boyle will be performing in concert at 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m., the Florida Orchestra and the Master Chorale will be presenting a scenic cantata "Carmina Burana," composed by Carl Orff, which is based on 24 poems from the medieval collection. For tickets and information call 727-726-5243.

OPERA AT THE DALI –The concert series is Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Dali Museum and features emerging opera artists who will be holding 20 minute performances on the spiral staircase at the museum. FREE The Dali Museum is at 1 Dali Blvd (Bayshore Dr). SE and 5th Ave SE, St. Petersburg FL. Call-727-823-3767 for details.

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