

New England Opera Club



New England Opera Club Newsletter

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January 2017 Program

Date: January 22, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Watertown Free Public Library
123 Main Street, Watertown, MA (617) 972-6431

Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)

Angelo Mammano, speaker



Pietro Mascagni is known to many opera lovers as the composer of the first half of opera's Heavenly Twins: the verismo masterpiece *Cavalleria Rusticana*. He actually composed operas in a variety of styles and several of them, in particular *L'Amico Fritz* and *Iris*, contain wonderful music, whatever they may lack in dramatic plausibility.

Cavalleria will be today's main emphasis, and we will explore its genesis and enjoy many of its musical highlights. What better way to spend a wintery afternoon?

Directions and parking:

From the West: Take Route 20 East (Main Street) to Watertown Square.

From the East: Take Rte. 16 (Mt. Auburn St.) west. Turn right on Main Street.

Public Transportation: The library is accessible via MBTA Bus routes Express 502, Express 504, 52, 57, 59, 70, 70A, and 71. It is less than a five minute walk to the library from the buses that arrive at Watertown Yard.

Parking: There are plenty of metered (free on Sunday) parking spaces at the rear of the Library, from which you can access the Library through the back door. Drive in on the passage just before the Fire House.

The Library is fully handicap-accessible.

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2017 NEOC Programs

(listings are subject to change)

January 22: *Pietro Mascagni*
Angelo Mammano, speaker

February 12: *Rigoletto*
Sara Bellini, speaker

March 26: *Guillaume Tell*
David Collins, speaker

April 9: *The Abduction from the Seraglio*
Luis Luis, speaker

May 7: Angelo Mammano, speaker

June 4: Erika Reitshamer, speaker

July 6: Matskin Award

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Jacopo Peri Award

*Each year the NEOC honors
a person who has made a
significant contribution to the
local opera scene.*

1982 Eunice Alberts
1983 Schuyler Chapin
1984 Boris Goldovsky
1985 Phyllis Curtin
1986 Donald Gramm
1987 Eleanor Steber
1988 John Moriarty
1989 Ernest Triplett
1990 Ron Della Chiesa
1991 Patricia Craig and
Richard Cassilly
1992 John Balme
1993 Richard Conrad
1994 Susan Stone
1995 Robert Honeysucker
1996 Scott Brumit
1997 William Miranda
1998 Norman Kelley
1999 D'Anna Fortunato
2000 Jan Curtis
2001 Roland Hayes
(Posthumously)
2002 Bradley Pennington
2003 Sharon Daniels
2004 Sarah Caldwell
2005 Jeffrey Rink
2006 Stephen Lord
2007 Randolph J. Fuller
2008 Janice Mancini Del
Sesto
2009 John M. Tischio
2010 Carole Charnow
2011 Federico Cortese
2012 Martin Pearlman
2014 Esther Nelson

December meeting:

We were all looking forward to our Holiday Meeting, featuring speaker Jack Jarzavek who had prepared one of his wonderful programs for us.

Unfortunately, Jack had to drop out at the last moment because of illness. But, luckily, Angelo Mammano stepped in to cover the Metropolitan Opera singer Eleanor Steber, playing some of her recordings from his own collection.

We thank you, Angelo, for giving us a great December lecture!



Happy New Year!

*The New England Opera Club
looks forward to sharing another year of great music.*

*Friendly Reminder:
As you all know, January is the 2017 membership dues payment month.*

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Opera Diary

Local Opera and Classical Music, January 2017

January 1-2, starting 11 am

WGBH 44: *The Great Performances at the Met* | January 1, 11:00 am: *Il Trovatore* | 2:00 pm: *Roberto Devereux* | 5pm: *Werther* | 7:30 pm: *Tannhauser* | 11:30 pm: *Les Contes D'Hoffmann* | January 2, 2:30 am: *Le Nozze di Figaro*

January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 8 pm

WHRB, 95.3 | Sunday Night at the Opera

January 6 & 7 at 7, 7:30, 8 & 8:30 pm, Jan 8 at 6, 6:30, 7 & 7:30 pm

Longy School of Music and Boston Opera Collaborative: Schumann's *Frauenliebe und -leben* and Argento's *From the Diary of Virginia Woolf* | 27 Garden St, Cambridge, MA 02138 | 617.517.5883
<https://bostonoperacollaborative.secure.force.com/ticket/>

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January 7, 12:55 PM

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD | *Nabucco*, Verdi | *At theaters near you* | www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/

January 8, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Lincoln Free Library: Erika Reitshamer's talk, *Into the Basement with Bass-Baritones and Basses* | 3 Bedford Road, Lincoln | 781.259.8465, lincolnpl.org/about/hours

January 8, 9 pm

WCRB, 99.5 | *Don Quichotte*, Massenet

January 11, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

North End Music and Performing Arts Center: *Portrait of a Power Couple - Beethoven and Schubert's Chamber Music* | Bijou De La Vida Gallery, 390 Commercial Street, Boston | <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nempac-concert-series-presents-portrait-of-a-power-couple-an-evening-of-beethoven-and-schubert-tickets-29910611444?aff=ehomecard>

January 13, 8 pm | Pre-Concert Talk at 7pm

Boston Early Music Festival, *London Haydn Quartet*, Eric Hoeprich, clarinet
First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, 11 Garden St, Cambridge | 617.661.1812, www.BEMF.org

January 13, 14, 20, & 21 at 7:30 pm; January 15 & 22 at 2:00 pm

The Wellesley Players: *Shrek the Musical*
The Mosesian Theater in the Arsenal Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA. | 781.269.9765,
<https://wellesleyplayers.club/>

January 14, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Scandinavian Cultural Center: *Opera is Cool: Scandinavian Opera Houses and Great Nordic Opera Singers*, talk by Erika Reitshamer | 206 Waltham Street, Newton | 617-795-1914, scandicenter.org/event/opera-is-cool-famous-scandinavian-singers/

January 15, 9 pm

WCRB, 99.5 | *Roland*, Lully

January 21, 12:55 PM

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD | *Roméo et Juliette*, Gounod | *At theaters near you* | www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/

January 21, 7pm

New England G&S Society: *Gilbert & Sullivan concert to benefit the Sudbury Savoyards*
Sudbury United Methodist Church Sanctuary; 251 Old Sudbury Rd, Sudbury | www.sudburysavoyards.org/

January 22, 9 pm

WCRB, 99.5 | *Don Giovanni*, Mozart

Friday, Jan 27, 7:30 pm; Jan 29, 3:00pm

Handel and Haydn Society: Haydn: *Symphony No. 26, Lamentatione*; *Overture in D Major*; *Symphony No. 86* | Mozart: *Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major, K 216* | Harry Christopher, conductor, Aisslinn Nosky, violin and leader | 617.266.3605, <https://handelandhaydn.org/>

January 29, 9 pm

WCRB, 99.5 | *A Village Romeo and Juliet*, Frederick Delius