

# New England Opera Club



*New England Opera Club Newsletter*

*Logo by Barbara Winston*

## July 2016 Program

**Date:** July 17, 2016  
**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Stellina Restaurant  
47 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472  
617-924-9475



### *Matzkin Award Dinner*

We'll honor

**Erika Reitshamer**

For many years Erika has contributed her wisdom and creativity to the New England Opera Club Board. In addition she regularly gives informative, well researched lectures on a myriad of opera topics.

*See page 3 for the dinner details and reservation form.  
We need to hear from you as soon as possible.*

### *Directions and parking:*

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#### From Route 128:

Take Mass Pike east toward Boston. Take Exit 17 and follow signs for Watertown (bear left over Mass Pike). Stay on Galen Street approximately 1.5 miles. Cross Charles River and immediately turn left onto Main Street at Watertown Square intersection. Take the second right on to Church Street, then first right into municipal parking lot and park there. The rear entrance to Stellina is in the parking lot.

#### From Boston:

Take Mass Pike west to exit 17 and turn right off exit ramp onto Galen Street. Follow directions above. From Storrow Drive follow signs to Arsenal Street/Watertown Square. After approximately 3 miles Arsenal Street ends at Watertown Square and Main Street begins. Take second right on Main Street onto Church Street and first right into municipal parking lot.

#### From Cambridge:

Take Mt. Auburn Street (Rte 16) to Watertown Square. Take right on Main Street (Rte 20). Take second right onto Church Street and first right into municipal parking lot.

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**2016 NEOC Programs**

(listings are subject to change)

**July 17: Matzkin Award Dinner**

**August 21:** Bill Cotten, speaker

**September 11: A Bel Canto Program**  
Lew Schneider, speaker

**October 16: TBA**

**November 13, 2 pm, Waltham  
Library: Tribute to Jonas Kaufmann**  
Meredith Palmer, speaker

**December:** Jack Jarzavek, speaker

**Letters or Articles to the Editor:**

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**Annual Membership Dues:**

\$35 Single, \$40 Double  
(Two persons at the same address)

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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

**Our June meeting: *The Tenors Sing Out***

Once again we received a superb presentation from Erika Reitshamer. Her program on the tenor voice was both enlightening and entertaining. She demonstrated how tenors came in different categories, and played us demonstration recordings of some of the greatest it was our privilege to have heard and in many cases seen live. We were treated to performances from such luminaries as Carlo Bergonzi, Jussi Bjoerling, Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, Franco Corelli and, of course, the "gold standard" by which all tenors are judged: Enrico Caruso.

Perhaps one day our speaker may give us a program on baritones.

Many thanks, Erika.

*John Tischio*

The New England Opera Club  
Cordially Invites You to Attend

**THE ANNUAL MATZKIN AWARD DINNER**

Honoring  
**Erika Reitshamer**

On Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm  
**STELLINA RESTAURANT**  
47 Main Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

**Menu Choices:**

*First course:* Choice of Caesar or Mixed Greens Salad, served Family Style.  
*Entree:* Stellina Meatballs, Pasta Special, Grilled Shrimp or Grilled Chicken Breast.  
*Dessert:* Cookie and Cannoli Plate.  
*(There is no need to make your choice in advance. You can place your order at the restaurant)*  
**Cash bar**

**Entertainment: Opera Arias Performed by members of OPERA ON TAP.**

*Please fill and send your reservation form and payment, no later than July 10<sup>th</sup>, to:*

Mima Leivi  
80 Paul Gore St. #1  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

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I (we) plan to attend the Matzkin Award dinner. Enclose is a check to the New England Opera Club, in the amount of \$45 per person.

Number of persons attending ..... Amount enclosed \$ .....

Name .....

Telephone # .....

Date: .....

Street: .....

City & State .....

## Opera Diary

Local Opera and Classical Music, July 2016

WHRV Radio, streaming from Chicago Lyric Opera, June 5 to July 31, 8pm

Jul 05 - Jul 17 (times vary - see web site for details)

**Boston Opera House**, 539 Washington St., Boston, MA | *If/Then* | Yorkey/Kitt | More: [www.boston-theater.com/theaters/boston-opera-house/if-then.php](http://www.boston-theater.com/theaters/boston-opera-house/if-then.php)

July 1 - 31 (times vary - see web site for details)

**Tanglewood Festival** | **Ozawa, Bell, MacFarlane**: The first weekend includes **Seiji Ozawa & Jacques Lacombe** (7/6). We'll hear violinist **Joshua Bell's** annual Tanglewood appearance in a Lacombe-led program of Ravel, Saint-Saens, a Prokofiev (7/8), and a special guest appearance by **Seth MacFarlane** with **Keith Lockhart** and the **Boston Pops Orchestra** (7/10)

**Andris Nelsons**: Concluding his second season as BSO Music Director, **Andris Nelsons** leads four BSO concerts this summer, featuring pianist **Jonathan Biss** (7/29); violinist **Augustin Hadelich** (7/30); soprano **Kristine Opolais** and the **Tanglewood Festival Chorus** in Verdi's *Aida*, Acts I and II (8/20); and Croatian pianist **Dejan Lazic** (8/21). Maestro Nelsons also leads the **Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra's** annual *Leonard Bernstein Memorial Concert*, this year featuring pianist Paul Lewis (7/31) | More: 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200, or visit [tanglewood.org](http://tanglewood.org)

July 2, 2 pm

**Opera America** | *My Dearest Friend* | Patricia Leonard, composer; Sean Newhouse, conductor | Based on the letters of John and Abigail Adams | **World premiere!** | Beale Lawn at Peace field, Quincy, MA | Adams National Historical Park | Free admission

July 4, 1pm - 10pm | WHRV: live broadcast of the Hatch Shell celebration

July 6 - July 27, Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

**New England Light Opera** | *Summer concert series* | Hamilton Wenham Community House, 284 Bay Road, Hamilton, MA | More: [www.negass.org](http://www.negass.org)

July 12 - August 30, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

**Longwood Opera** | *Summer concert series* | 1132 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA | More: 781-455-0960, [longwoodopera.org](http://longwoodopera.org)

July 13

**Live in HD** | *La Bohème* | Puccini | More: [/www.fathomevents.com/event/2016-summer-encores](http://www.fathomevents.com/event/2016-summer-encores)

July 20

**Live in HD** | *Così fan tutte* | Mozart | More: [/www.fathomevents.com/event/2016-summer-encores](http://www.fathomevents.com/event/2016-summer-encores)

Broadcasts from Chicago Lyric Opera on-line:

<http://www.wfmt.com/listen/>

July 16, 7 pm

**Talents of the World** (*New England premiere of one of the largest concert organizers in Eastern Europe*) | Concert and reception featuring singers from the Metropolitan Opera, Des Moines Opera, Batumi Opera, and others | Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA | More: (857) 919-4832, [talentsoftheworld.tix.com](http://talentsoftheworld.tix.com)

July 31, 4 pm

Caramoor Festival | *Fidelio* | Beethoven | 149 Girdle Ridge Road in Katonah, NY 10536 | More: 914.232.1252, <https://www.caramoor.org/>