

New England Opera Club



New England Opera Club Newsletter

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June 2017 Presentation

Date: June 4, 2017
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Place: Newton Free Library
330 Homer Street, Newton Centre • 617.796.1360

Let's bring on the Operatic Baritones!

The poor baritones! They complain that they rarely get to play the hero – that's mostly left to the tenor.



Tito Gobbi



Sherrill Milnes



Dmitri Hvorostovsky

- ♪ Take a vocal ride down the scale from the *Lyric Baritone* to the *Cavalier Baritone*, the *Noble Baritone*, *Character Baritone*, *Verdi Baritone*, *Dramatic Baritone* or *Heldenbaritone*.
- ♪ Enjoy an audiovisual potpourri of operatic baritones in each voice category, illustrated with arias and scenes by famous singers of the past and present.

The speaker will be **Erika Reitshamer**, long-time board member of the New England Opera Club and well-known for her captivating tributes to great opera singers. Her last offering at Newton Library was "What Makes a Great Tenor?" in June 2016.

Free and open to the public - come and enjoy and bring some friends!

Directions:

From North, South, West: Take Route 128 to Exit 24 (Rte. 30 East/Commonwealth Ave.) Turn right onto Rte. 30, go east towards Newton for 3.1 miles, and bear right at the traffic light onto Homer Street.

From East: Take Mass Pike or Comm. Ave. West towards Newton. Leave Mass Pike at Exit 17. Go straight onto Washington St. Continue 1.3 miles to Walnut St. Turn left onto Walnut and drive South 1.1 miles to Homer Street. Drive past the Library to the adjacent parking lot on the left.

The Library is fully handicap-accessible.

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2017 NEOC Programs

(listings are subject to change)

July 16: Honoring John Tischio's life

August 13: Great Singers on
Television
Bill Cotten, speaker

September 17:
Kathleen McDermott, speaker

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Annual Membership Dues:

\$35 Single, \$40 Double
(Two persons at the same address)
\$15 student with valid ID

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Jacopo Peri Award

*The NEOC frequently 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

Boston Opera Collaborative on May 7: On Sunday afternoon May 7, a large and enthralled audience was treated to a *tour de force* performance by the Boston Opera Collaborative's extraordinary soprano Sirgourney Tanner.

In a program entitled *What Am I Doing Here?*, she interspersed narratives of her life and career with music of many genres, including spirituals, jazz and opera. Fascinating stuff!

At a Q&A session afterwards, she, BOC Co-Artistic Director Patricia-Maria Weinmann, and accompanist Alex Johnson talked about the company's upcoming shows. Their enthusiasm was evident and the membership loved it. We thank them for favoring us with this complimentary event and hope for them continued success in the future.



The New England Opera Club
cordially invites you to attend

A Celebration of John Tischio's Life

Sunday, July 16, 2017 1:00 pm

at

Jumbo Seafood Gourmet Chinese Restaurant
10 Langley Road, Newton, MA

The total cost of the lunch is \$30 per person, gratuity included. Cash bar.

Free Sunday parking is available at a large city parking lot across the street from the restaurant.

The Newton Center Station of the Riverside D Green line is located two blocks away.

The restaurant is handicap-accessible.

Your lunch will include appetizers, a choice of soup, and a choice of a seafood, beef, poultry, pork, or vegetarian main course. Rice and tea are also included.

We hope you'll join us!

Please send in your reservation form (*below*) and payment by **July 8**, so we can secure your place in the restaurant's private dining room.

Please send your reservation form and payment to:

*Mima Leivi, Treasurer
80 Paul Gore Street #1,
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We plan to attend **A Celebration of John Tischio's Life**. A check is enclosed - \$30 per person.

Number of persons attending: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Telephone # _____

Street _____

City and State _____

Opera Diary

Local Opera and Classical Music, June 2017

For up-to-date activities, visit FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/NEoperaevents/>

June 1- 25, varied times

Lyric Stage Company of Boston | *Camelot*, Lerner & Loewe
140 Clarendon Street, Boston | www.lyricstage.com/

Jun 1, 2, 3, varied times

SpeakEasy Stage Company *The Bridges of Madison County*, Jason Robert
Boston Center for the Arts | 539 Tremont Street, Boston | 617.426.5000, www.speakeasystage.com/bridges/

June 2 7:30pm, June 3, 7:30 pm

Odyssey Opera | *Wilde Opera Nights: Patience*, Gilbert & Sullivan
Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston | www.odysseyopera.org/portfolio/patience/

June 4, 9 pm

WCRB, 99.5 | *Sunday Night at the Opera: The Tales of Hoffmann (Les contes d'Hoffmann)*, Jacques Offenbach

June 6-18, varied times

North Shore Music Theatre | *The Music Man*, Meredith Willson
62 Dunham Road, Beverly | 978.232.7200, www.nsmt.org

June 9, 10 , 7:30 pm

Nahant Music Festival | *HMS Pinafore*, Gilbert & Sullivan
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 248 Nahant Rd., Nahant | [/nmf2017pinafore.brownpapertickets.com/](http://nmf2017pinafore.brownpapertickets.com/)

June 11, 9 pm

WCRB, 99.5 | *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Richard Strauss

June 16, 17, 7:00 pm; June 18, 3:00 pm

Opera Brittenica and KGB Productions | *Nole me Tangere*, Felipe de Leon
The Strand Theater, 543 Columbia Rd, Boston | 617.388.6078, 781.824.3359, nolimetangereopera.com/

June 17 & 24, 8 pm; June 25, 3 pm

BEMF Chamber Opera Series | *La serva padrona* and *Livietta e Tracollo*, Pergolesi
June 17: Jordan Hall, Boston / June 24 & 25: Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Great Barrington
| 617.661.1812, bemf.org/pages/fest/opera_chamber.htm

June 17, 10 am - 10 pm

New England Gilbert & Sullivan Society | One Day Mini Supernatural Sing-Out (Sing along with the choruses for free!) : *Thespis, The Sorcerer, Ruddigore, Iolanthe* | 51 Walden St, Concord, MA | negass.org/

June 18, 9 pm

WCRB, 99.5 | *Faust*, Gounod

June 21, 7pm

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

June 25

WCRB, 99.5 | *The Rake's Progress*, Stravinsky

June 28, 7pm

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD | *Les Pêcheurs de Perles*, Bizet | *At theaters near you* | www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/