

# New England Opera Club



*New England Opera Club Newsletter*

*Logo by Barbara Winston*

**Date:** February 24, 2019  
**Time:** 2:00 - 4:30

**Place:** Needham Public Library  
1139 Highland Ave, Needham Heights, MA

## **BACCHANALIAN AIRS** *Drinking Songs in Opera* *David Collins, speaker*

Even though January is over, it is never too late to celebrate a New Year.

And what better way than with song - song from opera - and especially **Drinking Songs**.

These songs appear in tragic as well as comic operas. Sopranos, altos, tenors, basses, and the chorus all love to raise their voices in praise of drink, especially wine and beer.

So let's enjoy the music and celebrate the New Year!



### **Directions and parking:**

- Take I-95/128 South or West, Exit 19C, to the Highland Avenue in Needham At the fourth traffic light, turn right onto Rosemary Street. The library parking lot and main entrance is on the right.
- From Route 135: Proceed to Needham center and turn onto Highland Avenue. At the 2nd traffic light, turn left onto Rosemary Street to the parking lot.
- Public Transportation: #59 bus. See schedule: <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/59/line>

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*The Library is handicap-accessible*

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**2019 NEOC Programs**

*(listings are subject to change)*

**March 10:** Speaker Jeffrey Riggs, *A Salute to Richard Tauber*  
**April 7:** TBA

**May 5:** Speaker: co-founder & artistic director Brian Garman,  
*Berkshire Opera Festival 'Don Pasquale'*

**June 2:** Speaker Erika Reitshamer

**July:** no presentation

**August:** Bill Cotten

**September:** Meredith Palmer

**October:** TBA

**November:** TBA

**December 15:** John B. Jarzavek, *Regine Crespin*



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**Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera*  
(A Masked Ball)**

Saturday, February 9 from 1:00 - 2:30  
206 Waltham St, West Newton, MA

Erika Reitshamer presents a lecture for the Scandinavian Cultural Center on the Swedish version of Verdi's opera, featuring a DVD with Luciano Pavarotti as King Gustav III of Sweden.



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To promote  
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encourage talented  
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**Jacopo Peri Award**

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

Eunice Alberts  
John Balme  
Scott Brumit  
Sarah Caldwell  
Schuyler Chapin  
Carole Charnow  
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Federico Cortese  
Patricia Craig and  
Richard Cassilly  
Phyllis Curtin  
Jan Curtis  
Sharon Daniels  
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Esther Nelson  
Martin Pearlman  
Bradley Pennington  
Jeffrey Rink  
Eleanor Steber  
Susan Stone  
John M. Tischio  
Ernest Triplett

**Richard J. Feffer**

March 11, 1920 - January 16, 2019

Richard Feffer was a classic gentleman--handsomely dressed, smiling as he greeted each friend, ready to exchange opera experiences, reflecting on his many years as an active member of the New England Opera Club.



His world travels--to see another unusual opera--enhanced his many fascinating NEOC programs. In a spellbinding lecture, Richard recounted his friendship with composer Giancarlo Menotti (*The Consul, Amahl and the Night Visitors, etc.*). Their initial meeting was facilitated by operatic tenor Norman Kelley (whose 1967 English translation of *Hansel und Gretel* continues to be sung by present day opera companies).

NEOC's online computer entry was initiated and maintained for many years by Richard Feffer. During my New England Opera Club presidency, I often discussed group ticket purchases and annual banquet details with Richard and his wife Janice. They were marvelous companions when I visited Florida, joining them for opera events.

When my career's demands dictated the need for a new person to lead our opera club, Richard introduced me to John Tischio, a business acquaintance with a deep love and knowledge of opera. John was NEOC president until his death in 2017.

We shall miss you, Janice and Richard Feffer. We send our condolences to the Feffer' daughters, who lost both parents within a few months--August 6, 2018 and January 16, 2019.

Charlotte Wolfe

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**Local Opera and Classical Music, February 2019**

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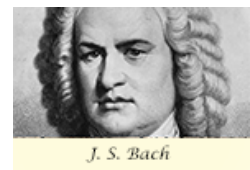
February 1, 8 PM

**Celebrity Series of Boston** | *No Tenors Allowed*, Thomas Hampson & Lucas Pisaroni sing baritone & bass repertoire

NEC's Jordan Hall 30 Gainsborough St, Boston | [celebrityseries.org/productions/thomas-hampson-lucas-pisaroni-no-tenors-allowed/](http://celebrityseries.org/productions/thomas-hampson-lucas-pisaroni-no-tenors-allowed/)

February 2, 12:55 PM

**Metropolitan Opera Live in HD** | *Carmen*, Bizet



February 3, 10 AM

**Emmanuel Music** | Bach Cantata Series: *BWV 125, Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin* | 617.536.3356 x 5, [emmanuelmusic.org/calendar\\_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19\\_cantatas.html](http://emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html)

Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

February 3, 7:30 PM

**Music for Food** | *Love Matters*, D'Anna Fortunato, Cordelia Tapping. All proceeds benefit The Women's Lunch Place | <https://musicforfood.net/index.php/boston/>

New England Conservatory, Brown Hall, 290 Huntington Ave., Boston

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**Cantata Singers** | *Women Composers of Europe*

American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 200 Beacon Street, Somerville, MA | [cantatasingers.org/February-2019/](http://cantatasingers.org/February-2019/)

February 9, 6-7 PM, refreshments following

**Saint John's Episcopal** | *Songs to Celebrate St. Cecelia*

74 Pleasant St, Arlington, MA | <https://www.saintjohns-arlington.org/>

February 10, 7 PM

**Boston Opera Collaborative** | *Bon Appetit!*, Hoiby, featuring food, wine, music, and special guest Vanessa Schukis as Julia Child | \$100 per person includes wine and prosecco. Cash bar

Commonwealth Restaurant, 11 Broad Canal Way (Kendall Square), Cambridge, MA |

<https://bostonoperacollaborative.secure.force.com/ticket>

February 15, 7 PM

**Celebrity Series of Boston** | *Complete Bach Cello Suites*, Alisa Weilerstein

NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St, Boston | [celebrityseries.org/productions/alisa-weilerstein-cello-complete-bach-cello-suites/](http://celebrityseries.org/productions/alisa-weilerstein-cello-complete-bach-cello-suites/)

February 15, 7:30 PM; February 17, 2:00 PM

**Odyssey Opera** | *Paride ed Elena*, Gluck

Huntington Avenue Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston

<https://www.odysseyopera.org/2019-gluck-paride-ed-elena/>

February 17, 2:30 PM

**Boston Bel Canto Opera** | *22nd annual Italian opera concert* (rescheduled from January 20)

Dante Alighieri Italian Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge

February 21 & 23, 8:00 PM

**Boston Symphony Orchestra** | *Boulanger, Debussy and Puccini*

Symphony Hall, 301 Mass. Ave., Boston | [bso.org/Performance/Detail/96153](http://bso.org/Performance/Detail/96153)

February 22, 7:30 PM

**Handel + Haydn Society** | *Glories of the Italian Baroque*

NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St, Boston |

<https://handelandhaydn.org/concerts/glories-of-the-italian-baroque>

February 22, 23, March 1: 8 PM; February 24, March 2: 2 PM

**Sudbury Savoyards** | *The Yeomen of the Guard*, Gilbert & Sullivan

Lincoln-Sudbury High School, 390 Lincoln Road, Sudbury, MA | [sudburysavoyards.org/](http://sudburysavoyards.org/)

February 23, 7 PM (Cambridge); February 24, 4 PM (Brookline)

**Convivium Musicum** | *Songs and Their Offspring* | [convivium.org/](http://convivium.org/)

- Cambridge Friends Meeting, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge
- St Paul's Church, 15 St. Paul Street, Brookline

February 24, 4:00 PM

**Meravelha Medieval Ensemble** | *Music of the Italian Trecento*

St. Johns, Beverly Farms, 705 Hale Street, Beverly, MA

[meravelha.com/events/](http://meravelha.com/events/)

February 27, 8 PM

**Celebrity Series of Boston** | *Beatrice Rana*, piano, Chopin, Ravel, Stravinsky

Longy's Pickman Hall, 27 Garden St, Cambridge, MA | [celebrityseries.org/productions/beatrice-rana-piano/](http://celebrityseries.org/productions/beatrice-rana-piano/)

