

New England Opera Club



New England Opera Club Newsletter

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Date: January 21, 2018
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Place: Watertown Free Public Library
123 Main Street, Watertown, MA (617) 972-6421

January 2018 Presentation

Great Singers Around Boston, An Historical Survey, Part 2 **Ed Tapper, speaker**



Noted Boston-based lecturer Ed Tapper returns to the New England Opera Club in January with the second program in his series: *Great Singers Around Boston, An Historical Survey*.

The audio presentation will focus on renowned opera singers who were born and trained in the Boston area, as well as singers born elsewhere who made Boston their adopted home, spending the bulk of their careers entertaining local audiences. Some visited briefly, but became immensely popular here, while others stayed on to teach voice at area schools and conservatories, passing on their art to future generations.

At Suffolk University, Ed Tapper has taught a course entitled *Music Around Boston*, which dealt with the history of music in Massachusetts, focusing on the legendary figures of our musical past, as well as historic, musical landmarks in Boston and throughout the state.

For over 20 years, Mr. Tapper has been the owner of Orpheus, a retail store on Commonwealth Ave. specializing in operatic and classical music recordings. During that time, he has culled several rare, unpublished recordings by local singers of the past. A large number of these one-of-a-kind documents, commercially unavailable in any form, will be featured on his program, which will be another unusual and fascinating excursion into our city's rich and varied vocal tradition.

We're looking forward to his next series: *Great Singers of Canada!*

Directions and parking:

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

From the East: Take Route 16 West (Mt. Auburn Street). Turn right on Main Street.

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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Maria Iantosca
Charlotte Wolfe
John M. Tischio

2017 NEOC Programs

(listings are subject to change)

February 11, 2018: *Berkshire Opera Festival*
Boston Conservatory / Berklee
Theater Studio 401
31 Hemenway Street, Boston 617.536.6340

Verdi at the Ballet, December 27, 2017. It was a small but lovely room and a small but appreciative audience for Angelo Mammano's excellent December presentation. Everyone enjoyed Angelo's talk and pictures, and look forward to his next presentation



Erika Reitshamer presents :

January 7, 2:00 –3:30
PM

The Friends of the Lincoln Library: *The Life of
Giacomo Puccini*
Lincoln Public Library, 3 Bedford Road, Lincoln,
MA 781.259.8465, lincolnpl.org/

January 13th, 1-2:30 PM

Scandinavian Cultural Center: *The Magic Flute,
"Trollflöjten"*
206 Waltham Street, Newton, 617.795.1914 ,
scandicenter.org/

January 18, 3:00 PM

Weston Public Library Opera for everyone! |
Explore Giacomo Puccini's popular opera: TOSCA
Weston Public Library, 87 School St, Weston, MA
781.786.6150, westonlibrary.org/



The new year is here!
Membership fees are due in January.

Note a change in fees for 2018:
\$40 Single, \$45 Double (Two persons at the same address)
\$15 student with valid ID.

Thank you for your support!

The mission of the New England Opera Club:

The object of this nonprofit association is exclusively educational:

- To promote appreciation of the art of opera
- To support performances of quality opera in New England
- To encourage talented students in their pursuit of operatic careers

The New England Opera Club's co-founder moves off-stage

William David (Bill) Miranda, 83 years of age, passed away on Saturday Dec. 23, 2017 after a long illness. Bill was the cherished husband of Maria Iantosca, and is also survived by his loved daughter Margaret (Megan) Miranda, and his brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Marguerite Miranda.

Bill's passion was for opera, which he taught for 52 years. The New England Opera Club, which he helped found in the 1970s, will miss him!

For those wishing to honor his life, a memorial donation to the American Cancer Society would be much appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), 424 E. 92nd Street, New York, NY 10128-6804 or to MSPCA-ANGELL, 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130.

Alex Geller, dear friend to many, passes on

Gertrude Anna Geller, "Alex" (Kramer) of Brookline passed away on December 14, 2017 at the age of 94. She was the beloved wife of the late William Geller, cherished mother of Andrew and Robin Geller, and adoring grandmother of Zoë Geller. Loving aunt, and friend to many in Massachusetts and Florida.

Some notes from others:

This dear woman was a graduate of the Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing and a cherished member of its Alumnae association. "Alex," as she was known to us, participated in all our programs up until last year when the Alumnae Association closed in September of 2016.

We will surely miss her smiling face and gentle manner.

With sincerest sympathy,

*Beryl Chapman
co-president, BIHNAA*

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With deep sadness we say goodbye to Alex (Gertrude) Geller. Alex was a longtime member of the New England Opera Club and a devoted opera fan whom we could always call on the day of the Saturday broadcasts or HDs and share "Did You Cry?" moments. She was a wise, helpful friend and a cherished grandmother, mother, and protector of her cat, Peony. Alex also enjoyed the pleasures of life: good food, literature and opera courses, and travel. Her husband, who died young, had been a surgeon to many of the opera stars such as Leonard Warren, and together they had, for many years, a subscription to the Met.

Dear Alex,

*"Take now the Magic Flute and play
Its golden tones protect you on your way"*

- Clara Kozol

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