

# New England Opera Club



*New England Opera Club Newsletter*

*Logo by Barbara Winston*

**Date: October 22, 2017**  
**Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

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

*October 2017 Presentation*

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



Noted Boston-based lecturer Ed Tapper returns to the New England Opera Club in October with a long-overdue program: *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 During that time, he has culled several rare, unpublished recordings by local singers of the past.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 promises to be an unusual and fascinating excursion into our city's rich and varied vocal tradition.

### *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.

**Open to the Public - Free**  
*The Library is fully handicap-accessible*



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**2017 NEOC Programs**

(listings are subject to change)

**November 26: Eleanor Steber,  
America's Most Neglected Diva**

Jack Jarzavek, speaker

**December 17: Verdi at the Ballet**

Angelo Mammano, speaker

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(Two persons at the same address)  
\$15 student with valid ID

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**September Presentation: *Trunk Show!***

Kathleen McDermott's multi-faceted background, professional accomplishments, and extensive research produced *Trunk Show! A Fashionable Fantasia of Women on the World Stage* for NEOC on September 17. Thirteen opera divas were among the most celebrated people with influential public careers during 1700-1920. Their style, astounding voices, priceless jewels, *haute couture* costumes thrilled audiences. La Maupin, Sophie Arnould, Zhemchgoва, Isabella Colbran, Angelica Catalani, Henriette Sontag, Jenny Lind, Adelina Patti, Lilli Lehmann, Lillian Nordica, Nellie Melba, Sissieretta Jones, and Olive Fremstad... their stature as early feminists has been noted. Opera Hub is producing an opera based on Kathy McDermott's research: *Trunk Show! A Fashionable Fantasia of Women on the World Stage* will premiere June 21-July 1, 2018 at the Boston Center for the Arts. Mark your calendars! Hurrah for Kathy!

- Charlotte Wolfe

**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



## Other October 22 activities:



October 22, 2:30 pm.

**Boston Bel Canto Opera** | *Bradley Pennington, piano, in solo recital: Works of Scarlatti, Mozart, Chopin, Brahms*

Dante Alighieri Society, 41 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA

Admission: \$25, \$19 Seniors/Students | Free adjacent parking.

November 19, 2:30pm

**Boston Bel Canto Opera** | *Celebratory concert commemorating the 25th Silver Anniversary of the company's founding in 1993: selections from Italian, French and German operas, arias and ensembles*

Dante Alighieri, Society, 41 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA | Admission: \$23/ \$19 Seniors/Students

October 22, 3-5 pm

**Music to Cure MS** | *15th annual concert of opera, art songs, chamber music to benefit the Accelerated Cure Project for Multiple Sclerosis* | admission

FREE with donation to the Accelerated Cure Project |

Park Avenue Congregational Church | 50 Paul Revere Rd, Arlington |

781.646.9115, [singtocurems.org](http://singtocurems.org)



## Local Opera and Classical Music, October 2017

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

September 1 - October 8, varied times

**Lyric Stage Company of Boston** | *Gypsy, Styne/Sondheim*

140 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA | [lyricstage.com/productions/production.cfm?ID=124](http://lyricstage.com/productions/production.cfm?ID=124)

October 1, 9:00 pm

**WCRB 99.5: Voices with Chris Voss** | *October Fest: A Vocal Celebration of Autumn* |

[classicalwcrb.org/programs/voices-chris-voss](http://classicalwcrb.org/programs/voices-chris-voss)

October 1, 3-8, 10-15; varied times

**Huntington Theater Company** | *Merrily We Roll Along, Sondheim* | 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston MA |

[www.huntingtontheatre.org/season/2017-2018/merrily-we-roll-along/](http://www.huntingtontheatre.org/season/2017-2018/merrily-we-roll-along/)

October 6, 7:30 pm; October 8, 3:00 pm

**Handel + Haydn Society** | *Symphony No. 9, Beethoven*

Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston

October 7, 12:55 pm

**Metropolitan Opera Live in HD** | *Norma, Bellini*

October 8, 9:00 pm

**WCRB 99.5: Voices with Chris Voss** | *Carmen, Bizet* | | [classicalwcrb.org/programs/voices-chris-voss](http://classicalwcrb.org/programs/voices-chris-voss)

October 8, 3:00 pm

**Park Avenue Congregational Church** | *Works for solo violin by Biber, Bach,*

*Mazzoli, Bunch, and Bates* | 50 Paul Revere Road, Arlington, MA | 781-643-8680, [www.pacc-ucc.org](http://www.pacc-ucc.org)

## New England Opera Club Newsletter

October 9, 5:30 pm

**Boston By Foot/Boston Lyric Opera** | *Boston's Opera History - tour* | Meet your guide at the Boston Common outside the entrance to the Boylston Street MBTA Station | [bostonbyfoot.org/tours/bostons-opera-history](http://bostonbyfoot.org/tours/bostons-opera-history)

October 11, 5 pm

**Blue Heron** | *Ma maistresse* (Ockeghem@600, Concert 6) | [blueheron.org/concerts/other-concerts-events/other-boston-area-concerts/](http://blueheron.org/concerts/other-concerts-events/other-boston-area-concerts/) New England Conservatory's Brown Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston

October 12, 8:00 pm

**Blue Heron** | *Ma maistresse* (see above) | St. Mary's Chapel, Boston College, Chestnut Hill (Newton), MA

October 13, 7:30 pm; 15, 3:00 pm, 18, 7:30 pm; 20, 7:30 pm; 22, 3:00 pm

**Boston Lyric Opera** | *Tosca*, Puccini | [blo.org/tosca/](http://blo.org/tosca/)  
Emerson/Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont Street, Boston

October 14, 12:55 pm

**Metropolitan Opera Live in HD** | *Die Zauberflöte*, Mozart

October 15, 4:00 pm

**Emmanuel Music** | Mendelssohn/Wolf Chamber Series, Year IV: Concert I  
Parish Hall, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston | [emmanuelmusic.org/calendar\\_tickets/17-18season/caltix17-18\\_mendelssohn-wolf\\_chamber.htm](http://emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/17-18season/caltix17-18_mendelssohn-wolf_chamber.htm)

October 15, 9:00 pm

**WCRB 99.5: Voices with Chris Voss** | *Alto Rhapsody, Schicksalslied*, Brahms | [classicalwcrb.org/programs/voices-chris-voss](http://classicalwcrb.org/programs/voices-chris-voss)

October 20- 31, varying times

**Wholetone Opera** | *The Werewolf*, Molly Preston | [eventbrite.com/e/wholetone-opera-the-rockwell-present-the-werewolf-tickets-36843876025](http://eventbrite.com/e/wholetone-opera-the-rockwell-present-the-werewolf-tickets-36843876025)  
The Rockwell, 255 Elm Street, Somerville

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October 26 & 28, 7:30 pm

**Odyssey Opera** | *L'assedio di Calais*, Donizetti: Part II of *Trial by Fire: Joan of Arc and the Hundred Years' War*  
Huntington Avenue Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA | [odysseyopera.org/2017-donizetti-lassedio-di-calais/](http://odysseyopera.org/2017-donizetti-lassedio-di-calais/)

October 29, 9:00 pm

**WCRB 99.5: Voices with Chris Voss** | *Spooky! A Haunting "Voices" Halloween Special* | | [classicalwcrb.org/programs/voices-chris-voss](http://classicalwcrb.org/programs/voices-chris-voss)

**WHRB 95.3 Sunday Night at the Opera** continues at 8 pm every Sunday.