

# New England Opera Club



*New England Opera Club Newsletter*

*Logo by Barbara Winston*

## January 2016 Program

**Date:** January 10, 2016  
**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Place:** Waltham Public Library  
735 Main Street  
Waltham, MA 02451  
(781) 314-3425

**Speaker:** Erika Reitshamer

### This month's talk: **Turandot**



Giacomo Puccini's final opera is an epic fairy tale set in a China of legend. Nina Stemme, one of opera's greatest dramatic sopranos will sing the title role of the proud princess, whose riddles doom every suitor who seeks her hand.

The tenor's aria *Nessun dorma* (Nobody shall sleep), popularized by Luciano Pavarotti in the 1990's, appears in the third act.

The Met's golden production is by Franco Zeffirelli. Performances of *Turandot* are always an event!

Start the New Year with a grand opera! The Metropolitan Opera's 10th year of movie theater transmissions will feature *Turandot* live in HD on January 30, 2016 at 1:00 pm.

*Come and explore this opera ahead of time and get an in-depth appreciation of this masterpiece and its composer, whether or not you decide to attend the HD performance.*

### **Directions and parking:**

#### **By Public Transportation:**

- 1) Take the Fitchburg/South Acton line of the MBTA Commuter Rail to the Waltham stop. Walk north on Moody Street to the intersection with Main Street. Turn left. The Library will be two blocks up on the right.
- 2) Take the 70 Bus from Central Square or Watertown Square. Turn right when exiting the bus, the library will be .5 blocks up on your left.

**From the West (Rt. 128):** Take exit 26-Rt. 20 Waltham. Rt. 20 and Main St. are the same road. Drive for approximately 1.5 miles. The library is on the left past the MacDonal'd's and the Post Office.

**From the East:** Take Rt. 20/Main Street. The library will be on the right past City Hall and the intersection with Moody Street.

**Parking:** The free, unmetered parking lot behind the library includes handicapped spaces. Metered parking is available on-street. A metered municipal lot is located one block from the library off of Lexington Street between Main Street and School Street.

**More information** at [waltham.lib.ma.us/hours\\_directions.php](http://waltham.lib.ma.us/hours_directions.php)

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*(listings are subject to change)*

**January 10: *Turandot***

Erika Reitshamer, speaker

**February 21: *Topic TBA***

Richard Feffer, speaker

**March :** Maria Iantosca, speaker

**April:** Annual Boston Singers  
Auditions Series

**May:** Angelo Mammanno, speaker

**June 5: *What Makes a Great Tenor?***

Erika Reitshamer, speaker

**July: *Matzkin Award Dinner***

**August:** Bill Cotten, speaker

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

**October: *Jacopo Pieri Award Banquet***

**November: *Tribute to Jonas  
Kaufmann***

Meredith Palmer, speaker

**December:** Jack Jarzavek, speaker

**Letters or Articles to the Editor:**  
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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  
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2014 Esther Nelson



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JANUARY OPERATIC MILESTONES

January 2	Sir Michael Tippett	B.	1905
	<i>Der Fliegende Hollander</i> (Wagner)	W. P.	1843
January 3	<i>Falstaff</i> (Salieri)	W. P.	1799
	<i>Don Pasquale</i> (Donizetti)	W. P.	1843
January 4	Giovanni Batista Pergolesi	B.	1710
	Grace Bumbry	B.	1937
January 5	<i>Montezuma</i> (Graun)	W. P.	1755
January 7	Francis Poulenc	B.	1899
	<i>Emperor Jones</i> (Gruenberg)	W. P.	1933
January 9	Sir Rudolph Bing	B.	1902
January 10	Sherrill Milnes	B.	1935
January 12	Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari	B.	1876
January 13	<i>La Finta Giardiniera</i> (Mozart)	W. P.	1775
January 14	Jean De Reszke	B.	1850
	Vincenzo Davico	B.	1889
	<i>Tosca</i> (Puccini)	W. P.	1900
January 15	Vanessa (Barber)	W. P.	1958
	<i>Le Medecin Malgre Lui</i> (Gounod)	W. P.	1858
January 16	Marilyn Horne	B.	1934
	Pilar Lorengar	B.	1928
January 18	Emmanuel Chabrier	B.	1841
	Cesar Cui	B.	1835
January 19	<i>Il Trovatore</i> (Verdi)	W. P.	1853
	<i>Manon</i> (Massenet)	W. P.	1884
	<i>Alceste</i> (Lully)	W. P.	1674
January 20	<i>La Wally</i> (Catalani)	W. P.	1892
	<i>Il Nazareno</i> (Giannetti)	W. P.	1911
January 21	Placido Domingo	B.	1941
	<i>Genufa</i> (Janacek)	W. P.	1904
January 22	<i>Ruddigore</i> (Sullivan)	W. P.	1887
	<i>Lady Macbeth of Mtensk</i> (Shostakovich)	W. P.	1934
	<i>Of Mice and Men</i> (Floyd)	W. P.	1970
January 24	Carlo Broschi, "Farinelli"	B.	1705
	Norman Della Joio	B.	1913
January 25	<i>I Puritani</i> (Bellini)	W. P.	1835
	<i>La Cenerentola</i> (Rossini)	W. P.	1817
	<i>Elektra</i> (R. Strauss)	W. P.	1909
January 26	<i>Der Rosenkavalier</i> (R. Strauss)	W. P.	1911
	<i>Così Fan Tutte</i> (Mozart)	W. P.	1790
	<i>Les Dialogues des Carmelites</i> (Poulenc)	W. P.	1957
January 27	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	B.	1756
	Edouard Lalo	B.	1823
January 28	<i>Fra Diavolo</i> (Auber)	W. P.	1830
January 29	Daniel Auber	B.	1782
	Frederick Delius	B.	1862
	Stanislao Falchi	B.	1851
	<i>Idomeneo</i> (Mozart)	W. P.	1781
	<i>Il Trillo Del Diavolo</i> (Falchi)	B.	1851
January 31	Franz Schubert	B.	1797

**January 3 @ 9pm**

**WCRB:** *The Magic Flute*, Mozart

**January 10 @ 9pm**

**WCRB:** *Il Viaggio a Reims*, Rossini

**January 15-16 & 21-23 @ 8 pm; January 17 @ 3pm**

**Boston Opera Collaborative** | *Faust et Marguerite* [90-minute production of Gounod's *Faust*] | Boston Center for the Arts  
| 539 Tremont St, Boston | More: [bostonoperacollaborative.org/season1516/faust](http://bostonoperacollaborative.org/season1516/faust)

**January 16 @ 12:55 pm**

**HD Live from the Met:** *The Pearl Fishers*, Bizet  
More: [www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/](http://www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/)

**January 17 @ 2:30 pm**

**The Pirandello Lyceum / Boston Bel Canto Opera** | *Italian Opera Arias and Duets*.  
*Sopranos:* Lisa Correnti, Michelle Trainor; *Mezzo Soprano:* Joanna Porackova; *Tenors:* Giovanni Formisano, Adam Russell;  
Bradley Pennington *Accompanist/Director*  
The Dante Alighieri Society, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge | Tickets: \$25, \$18 Seniors and Students.  
More: 617-876-5160

**January 17 @ 9pm**

**WCRB:** *L'Heure Espagnole*, Ravel, *La Navarraise*, Massenet

**January 19 @ 7 pm**

**Newton Free Library Program** | **Ed Tapper** : *From Transylvania with Love: The Romanian Vocal Tradition*  
More: call Newton Free Library, 617-796-1360

**January 22 @ 9 pm on Channel 2; January 23 & 24 @ 2 pm on Channel 44**

**WGBH:** *Il Trovatore*, Verdi

**January 24 @ 9pm**

**WCRB:** *Lohengrin*, Wagner

**January 24 @ 3pm**

**Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras:** *Otello*, Verdi (semi-staged)  
More: <http://www.bysoweb.org/>

**Cantata Singers:** *Israel in Egypt* (complete three-part version), Handel

**January 29 @ 8 pm** | Cary Memorial Hall, Lexington

**January 31 @ 2 pm** | NEC's Jordan Hall, Boston

More: [www.cantatasingers.org/season/january-2016/](http://www.cantatasingers.org/season/january-2016/)

**January 30 @ 12:55 PM**

**HD Live from the Met:** *Turandot*, Puccini  
More: [www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/](http://www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/)

**January 30-February 1 WGBH Opera Bash on Channel 44**

*The Nose*, Shostakovich @ 12 pm; *Aida* @ 2 pm; *Macbeth* @ 7:30 pm; 1/31 *Eugene Onegin*, Tchaikovsky @ 12:30 am, *The Tempest*, Adès @ 3:30 am; *Parsifal*, Wagner @ 12 pm; *Falstaff*, Verdi @ 5 pm; *Prince Igor*, Borodin @ 7:30 pm; *Ballo in Maschera*, Verdi @ 11 pm; 2/1: *Les Troyens*, Berlioz @ 1:30 am

**January 31 @ 9pm**

**WCRB:** *Ariodante*, Handel

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