

New England Opera Club



New England Opera Club Newsletter

Logo by Barbara Winston

Date: December 16, 2018
Time: 2:00 - 4:30 PM

Place: Needham Free Public Library
1139 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA

Special End-of-Year Holiday Program, full of wonderful surprises! *Ed Tapper, speaker*



In honor of the upcoming holidays, Ed Tapper will be presenting a unique and enjoyable afternoon of opera excerpts, songs, and carols relating to Christmas, Chanukah and the winter season. Ed's December program will feature some of the greatest singers of the 20th and 21st centuries, and, as always, the selections will include a number of rarities, as well as our favorite songs of the season sung by the great voices of opera.

As the owner of Boston's *Orpheus*, the country's only retail store devoted to opera, Ed draws upon his vast inventory, as well as his extensive personal collection to cull unusual, rarely heard recordings that are included in programs that prove both edifying and entertaining.

In addition to owning *Orpheus*, Ed has taught every genre and period of music history at UMass/Boston and Suffolk University and is in demand as a lecturer throughout New England and in New York. So come to join Ed and your NEOC friends on December 16, and kick off the holidays in grand musical style!

Directions and parking:

From Route 128: Exit 19C, travel west on Highland Avenue. At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto Rosemary Street.

From Route 135: Proceed to Needham center and turn onto Highland Avenue. At the 2nd traffic light turn left onto Rosemary Street.

Parking: The library main parking lot is located off Rosemary Street behind the building. Additional library parking is available in the Christ Church parking lot on Highland Avenue. Handicapped parking and building access are available from both parking lots.

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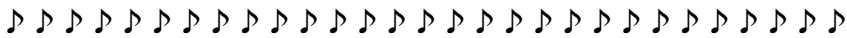
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2018 NEOC Programs

(listings are subject to change)

January 20: *Drinking Songs in Opera* | Speaker: David Collins



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December 4, 2018 at 1:30 pm

Explore one of Giuseppe Verdi's best-loved masterpieces:
La Traviata

Verdi's *La Traviata* is one of the best-loved operas in the repertoire. Its intimate scope and subject matter inspired the composer to create some of his most profound and heartfelt music. The title role of the "fallen woman" has captured the imaginations of audiences and performers alike with its inexhaustible vocal and dramatic possibilities—and challenges. *Violetta* is considered a pinnacle of the soprano repertoire.

Even if you are familiar with the opera, this lecture will give you a fresh and in-depth appreciation of this masterpiece

Sharon Community Center, Adult
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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
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Carole Charnow
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Eleanor Steber
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John M. Tischio
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December 7, 8 PM

Boston Early Music Festival; The Tallis Scholars | *A Renaissance Christmas: Music of Palestrina, Byrd, more*
St. Paul Church, 29 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge | bemf.org/pages/concerts/18-19/tallis.htm

December 7 & 8, 7:30 PM

Boston Baroque | *The Messiah*, Handel
NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St, Boston | bostonbaroque.org/concerts/all-shows



Handel

December 7-23, various times

North Shore Music Theater | *A Christmas Carol*, musical adapted by Jon Kimbell from the Dickens novel

<https://www.nsmt.org/achristmascarol18.html>
62 Dunham Road, Beverly, MA

December 8, 9, 10 at 8:00 PM; December 11 at 3:00 PM

Harvard Early Music Society | *La Calisto*, Cavalli | hcs.harvard.edu/~earlymus/
New College Theatre, 10-12 Holyoke St., Cambridge

December 9, 10 AM

Emmanuel Music | Bach Cantata Series: *BWV 61, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland I*
| 617.536.3356 x 5, emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html
Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

December 13, 7:30 PM; December 16, 3:00 PM

Handel + Haydn Society | *A Baroque Christmas*
NEC's Jordan Hall, Boston | <https://handelandhaydn.org/concerts/baroque-christmas>

December 15, 12:55 PM

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD | *La Traviata*, Verdi | metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/

December 15, 7 PM; December 16, 8 PM

Cambridge Chamber Singers | *O Splendor Gloriam* (a capella Renaissance music) |

<https://cambridgechambersingers.org/>

12/15 Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston ; 12/16 Pilgrim Congregational Church, Lexington



J. S. Bach

December 16, 10 AM

Emmanuel Music | Bach Cantata Series: *BWV 136, Erforsche mich, Gott, und erfahre mein Herz* | 617.536.3356 x 5, emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html

Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

December 23, 10 AM

Emmanuel Music | Bach Cantata Series: *BWV 136, BWV 147, Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben*

| 617.536.3356 x 5, emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html

Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

December 24 7:00 PM

Emmanuel Music | Britten: *Op. 28, Ceremony of Carols*

| 617.536.3356 x 5, emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html

Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

December 26, 6:00 PM

Opera on Tap | *Annual Holiday Party, including a 3 course family style meal and entertainment. Reservations are required.* | Stellina Restaurant, 47 Main Street, Watertown | operaontap.org/boston/ | stellinarestaurant.com/