

New England Opera Club



New England Opera Club Newsletter

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Date: Monday, March 16, 2020
Time: 1:00 - 2:30

Brookline Senior Center
93 Winchester Street, Brookline, MA 01906.730.2770

The Csárdás Princess (Gypsy Princess)

operetta by Emmerich Kálmán

audio-visual lecture by Erika Reitshamer

Erika Reitshamer and the Brookline Senior Center invite NEOC to join them at this lecture



The Csárdás Princess (The Gypsy Princess), which was filmed with **Anna Moffo** in the title role, is still one of the most popular operettas on the Continent. It is the story of the love of a famous cabaret star for a prince who cannot marry a commoner. His mother, Princess Marie-Louise, eventually saves the day with a last-minute disclosure about her own past. The score includes some of the most delightful operetta melodies ever written, and there are several good comedy parts.

Speaker: Erika Reitshamer has lectured on opera and great singers of opera for many years. was active in the formation of the Boston Lyric Opera Company more than 38 years ago, is a board member of the New England Opera Club, former Vice

President of the Boston Wagner Society, member of the Sudbury Opera Lovers Organization, and teacher of opera appreciation for LLARC at Regis College, libraries in the greater Boston area, and Lifetime Learning in Newton, Sherborn, Sharon and Framingham.

Directions and parking:

From Beacon Street, westbound: Pass Harvard St at Coolidge Corner, a major intersection. Continue two blocks to Winchester St and turn right. This is a residential area. Continue three blocks. The four-story orange brick building is on your right.

From Beacon Street, eastbound: Go through Washington Square, a major intersection at Beacon and Washington Streets. Continue three blocks to Winchester St. You cannot turn left. Go one more block to Centre St. Turn left over the tracks on Beacon St westbound. Take the first right at Winchester. Continue three blocks.

From Route 9 (Boylston Street), eastbound: Turn left at Chestnut Hill Ave, a major intersection just before the reservoir on your right. Continue ½ mile to Beacon St at Cleveland Circle. Turn right on Beacon. Continue ¾ mile to Washington St, a major intersection. Continue three blocks to Winchester St. You cannot turn left. Go one block to Centre St. Turn left over the tracks and immediate left on Beacon westbound. Take the first right at Winchester. Continue three blocks.

From Route 9 (Boylston Street) westbound: At Brookline Village, turn right on Washington St at Hearthstone Plaza. Go to the second light where the road splits. Stay to the right on Harvard (Washington goes left.). Continue on Harvard ¾ mile to Beacon St, a major intersection. Stay on Harvard ¼ mile to Williams St. Turn left. Winchester St is the second right. The Center will be on your right.

From Brighton and Cambridge: Follow Harvard St through Allston about ½ mile to Commonwealth Ave. Continue on Harvard about ½ mile to Fuller St. Turn right on Fuller and go two blocks to Winchester St. Turn left. The Center will be on your left.

Parking: In Brookline all street parking is limited to two hours. For short visits you will find street parking around the Center. There is a parking lot on Fuller St at Harvard St, one block from the Center. A larger lot is on Centre St ½ block from Beacon St.

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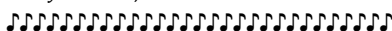
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2019 NEOC Programs

(listings are subject to change)

April 26, Erika Reitshamer | May 10, David Cotten

June 14, Erika Reitshamer



Metropolitan 2020-21 Season's Live in HD Performances

Oct. 10, 2020 - Aida: Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Michael Mayer's new production of Verdi's classic starring Anna Netrebko in the title role. She is joined by Anita Rachvelishvili, Piotr Beczala, and Ludovic Tezier.

Nov. 7, 2020 - Il Trovatore: Sonya Yoncheva headlines a cast that includes Ekaterina Semenchuk, Roberto Aronica, Quinn Kelsey, and Kwangchul Youn. Michele Mariotti conducts.

Dec. 12, 2020 - Fidelio: Lise Davidsen and Brandon Jovanovich light up the silver screen in Beethoven's only opera with Lise Davidsen, Golda Schultz, Alek Shrader, Tomasz Konieczny, Franz-Josef Selig, and Christian Van Horn. Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts.

Jan. 16, 2021 - Die Zauberflöte: Gustavo Dudamel makes his HD debut conducting a cast that includes Christiane Karg, Kathryn Lewek, Stanislas de Barbeyrac, Thomas Oliemans, Christian Van Horn, and Stephen Milling.

Jan. 30, 2021 - Roméo et Juliette: Nadine Sierra and Stephen Costello sing the title roles in Gounod's masterpiece. They are joined by maestro Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Julie Boulianne, Joshua Hopkins, Ildar Abdrazakov, David Portillo, and Laurent Naouri.

March 27, 2021 - Don Giovanni: Ivo Van Hove's new production goes to cinemas with a cast that includes Ailyn Pérez, Isabel Leonard, Hera Hyesang Park, Peter Mattei, Ben Bliss, Gerald Finley, and Ryan Speedo Green.

April 17, 2020 - Dead Man Walking: Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer's masterpiece in a new production by Ivo Van Hove. The production broadcast to cinemas will feature Joyce DiDonato, Latonia Moore, Susan Graham, and Étienne Dupuis.

April 24, 2021 - Die Frau ohne Schatten: Elza van den Heever, Nina Stemme, Evelyn Herlitzius, Klaus Florian Vogt, Michael Volle, and Ryan Speedo Green lead an all-star cast conducted by Yannick Nézet-Séguin.

May 8, 2021 - Nabucco: Anna Netrebko sings her first Abigail alongside George Gagnidze in the title role. Marco Armiliato conducts the production, which also stars Varduhi Abrahamyan, Morris Robinson, and Najmiddin Mavlynov.

May 22, 2021 - Il Pirata: Javier Camarena and Diana Damrau join forces for the Bellini melodrama, which will be conducted by Maurizio Benini.

Additionally, the company will transmit the 2006 presentation of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" on December 5. Moreover, there will be an additional encore of Lehár's "The Merry Widow" which will also be featured as part of the HD Live in Schools program on Feb. 27, 2021.

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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.

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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
Richard Conrad
Federico Cortese
Patricia Craig and
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Phyllis Curtin
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Local Opera and Classical Music, January 2020

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Join NEOC! Visit <https://neoperaclub.org/membership.html#form2>

March 1, 2:00-3:30 PM

The Friends of the Lincoln Library | *Jessye Norman*, talk by Erika Reitshamer
Lincoln Public Library, 3 Bedford Rd, Lincoln | 781.259.8465,
<https://www.lincolnpl.org>



March 1, 7:30 PM

Music for Food | *Reflections East West*
New England Conservatory, Brown Hall, 290 Huntington Ave, Boston |
617.585.1100, <https://musicforfood.net/>

March 6, 7, 13, 14 - 8 PM; March 8, 15 - 2 PM

Greater Worcester Opera | *A Little Night Music*, Stephen Sondheim
Stageloft Repertory Theater, 450A Main St., Sturbridge | 508.347.9005, www.greaterworcesteropera.org/

March 8, 2:00-3:30 PM

The Friends of the Lincoln Library | *Fritz Wunderlich*, talk by Erika Reitshamer
Lincoln Public Library, 3 Bedford Rd, Lincoln | 781.259.8465,
<https://www.lincolnpl.org>



March 13, 18, 20 7:30 PM; March 15. 22 3:00 PM

Boston Lyric Opera | *Norma*, Bellini | <https://blo.org/norma/>
Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont Street, Boston,

March 14, 7:30 PM

Park Avenue Congregational Church | *Spring Fever Coffee House: An Evening with the Saxyderms*, a saxophone ensemble supported by drums and percussion
Park Avenue Congregational Church, 50 Paul Revere Road, Arlington,
781.643.8680, saxyderms.com/

March 16, 1 - 2:30 PM

Brookline Senior Center | *The Csárdás Princess (Gypsy Princess)*, operetta by E. Kálmán, audio-visual lecture by Erika Reitshamer
Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline | 617.730.2770,
<https://www.brooklineseniorcenter.org/>

March 19, 12:30 – 2 PM

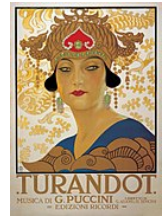
La Donna Musicale/RUMBARROCO | *Behind the Scenes: Agnesi, Women Composers and the Bibliothèque Nationale* | *A conversation with Laury Gutierrez, WSRC Scholar and Robert L. Kendrick, Professor, University of Chicago about the manuscript collection of 18th-century opera composer Maria Teresa Agnesi at the Bibliothèque Nationale de France.*
Goldfarb Library, Rapaport Treasure Hall, Brandeis University, 415 South St, Waltham
Event sponsor(s) Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center | Free of charge and open to the public



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March 20, 7-10 PM

Opera51 | *Opera Favorites: A Singing Fundraiser*, concert, videos, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks to raise funds for upcoming production of *Turandot*
https://www.facebook.com/events/220813579075829/?notif_t=event_calendar_create¬if_id=1582034882871389
51 Walden St, Concord



March 20, 21, 8 PM; March 22, 3PM

Boston Opera Collaborative | *Opera Bites*
Longy School of Music, 27 Garden Street, Cambridge
<https://www.bostonoperacollaborative.org/opera-bites-mar-20>

March 21, 2 PM lecture; 3 PM concert

[March 21: Gordon Chapel of Old South Church | 645 Boylston St, Boston]

[March 22: Brandeis University, Slosberg Music Center, 415 South St., Waltham]

La Donna Musicale/RUMBARROCO | *Love & Anguish: Then & Now* - This concert presents the world premiere of some of the works recently discovered at the Bibliothèque nationale de France by 18th-century virtuoso composer Maria Teresa Agnesi. | <https://ladm.org/events/love-anguish-then-now/>

March 21, 8 PM

Henry Purcell Society of Boston | *Ode to Cecilia*, by Adam Jacob Simon for mezzo-soprano Sophie Micheaux
Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 138 Tremont St, Boston | <https://www.bostonpurcell.org/>



March 22, 2:00-3:30 PM

The Friends of the Lincoln Library | *Dmitri Hvorostovsky*, talk by Erika Reitshamer
Lincoln Public Library, 3 Bedford Rd, Lincoln | 781.259.8465, <https://www.lincolnpl.org>

March 22, 3:00-6 PM

NEGASS (New England Gilbert & Sullivan Society) | *The Gondoliers* - unrehearsed sing-through
Park Avenue Congregational Church, 50 Paul Revere Rd, Arlington, MA | 781.643.8680, <https://negass.org/>



March 27 & 28, 8 PM; March 29, 3 PM

Emmanuel Music | *Britten Chamber Festival*, different pieces, performers at each concert
Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston | emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/19-20season/caltix19-20_chamber.html?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TicketsNowOnSale

March 29, 4 PM

Boston Opera Collaborative | *La vie en melodie*, Susannah Thornton, mezzo soprano
Second Parish in Hingham Unitarian Universalist, 685 Main St, Hingham
https://www.facebook.com/events/426733674746075/?notif_t=event_calendar_create¬if_id=1581434798799102

March 29, 6:00 PM

MassOpera | *Vocal Competition for Emerging Artists - Final Round Concert of the Vocal Competition*
Chase Young Gallery, South End, 450 Harrison Avenue, Boston
https://massopera.org/vocal-competition-final-round-concert/?fbclid=IwAR3GAXnXgUAL7jomtrojpnF_rP4cGOxAwxguLkf5wvIAhPc1vGTV4ohj9dE