

New England Opera Club



New England Opera Club Newsletter

Logo by Barbara Winston

Date: October 14, 2018
Time: 2:00 - 4:30 PM

Place: Watertown Free Public Library
123 Main Street, Watertown, MA

A Collector's Verdi Requiem **Speaker: Liz Hubbell**

Please join us for a celebration of a work sometimes described as "Verdi's best opera," his *Requiem in Memory of Manzoni*. Quite a discography has developed for this work, and fortunately it is also short enough (usually around 80 to 90 minutes) to be fully discussed and enjoyed in a single presentation.



Join us as we listen to the work, in the course of which we will hear from four different generations of performers, using recordings from throughout the past hundred years. The definitive interpretations of each section will be played, which will showcase some of the greatest operatic singers from the 78 rpm era to the glowing stars of today's opera firmament.

Our presenter, Liz Hubbell, is a longtime member of the Vocal Record Collectors Society in New York. She and her husband, Geoffrey Riggs, run the website *OperaCast.com*. This will be Liz's debut program here in Boston for the New England Opera Club.

She has spent a lifetime amassing a comprehensive collection of Verdi *Requiem* recordings, both studio recordings and rare live performances. Acquired during nearly forty years of avid collecting, her vast library forms the basis of her affectionate tribute to one of the great vocal works of the Romantic Era.

So, if you want to know what this work can sound like, incorporating the very best readings of the past hundred years, here is your chance to find out! If this sounds like a crazy proposition, you are probably right; but, after all, a bit of insanity is a key ingredient in so much opera! So don't miss this rare opportunity to

hear a unique, "dream" Verdi *Requiem*.

Directions and parking:

From the West: Take Route 20 East (Main Street) to Watertown Square. WFPL is at 123 Main Street.

From the East: Take Rte. 16 (Mt. Auburn St.) west. Turn right on Main Street. WFPL is at 123 Main Street.

Parking: Limited metered parking is in back of the library and on the street.

All parking is metered, on the street and behind the library with a 2 hour limit. The meters are monitored between the hours of 7am-6pm Monday through Saturday, Sundays are free.

Public Transportation: The library is accessible via MBTA Bus routes Express 502, Express 504, 52, 57, 59, 70, 70A, and 71. It is less than a five minute walk to the library from the buses that arrive at Watertown Yard.

The Library is fully handicap-accessible

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2018 NEOC Programs

(listings are subject to change)

November 4: *Carmen*
Sara Bellini, speaker

December 16: *Great Singers
Around Boston. An Historical
Survey (Part 4)*
Ed Tapper, speaker



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Sunday, October 7, 6PM

\$50 for 4-course dinner plus delicious music!

Caffe Gianna, 1739 Dorchester Ave. Dorchester MA 02124
Phone to make reservations: 617.436.2368

For more information contact Peter McNamara at
neoperaclub@gmail.com or Cafe Gianna at info@ziagianna.com

Plenty of free parking at the Midland parking lot,
at the corner of Dot Ave & King St.

Proceeds go in part to *Boston City Singers Opera Kids*, founded 20
years ago in Boston's inner city neighborhood of Dorchester.

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Local Opera and Classical Music, September 2018

For up-to-date activities, visit FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/NEoperaevents/>
Join NEOC! Visit operaclub.org/membership.html

September 13 to October 7, varied times

Greater Boston Stage Company | *Being Earnest*, **Gordon**

395 Main Street, Stoneham, MA | 781-279-2200 greaterbostonstage.org/beingearnest.htm



September 18 to November 18, varied times

Boston Opera House | *Hamilton*,

888.616.0272, boston.broadway.com/shows/hamilton-baa/

539 Washington Street, Boston

October 6, 12:55 PM

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

October 7, 10 AM

Emmanuel Music | Bach Cantata Series: BWV 48, *Ich elender Mensch, wer wird mich erlösen*

617-536-3356 x 5, emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html

Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

October 7, 9:00 PM

WCRB 99.5: Voices with Chris Vos | *Octoberfest: A Vocal Celebration of Autumn*

October 11, 7:30 PM

Blue Heron | *Missa Cuiusvis Toni*, Ockeghem

St. Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere Road, Boston | 617.960.7956, blueheron.org/concerts/other-concerts-events/other-boston-area-concerts/concert-in-boston-missa-cuiusvis-toni-ockeghem600-concert-8/

October 12, 13 - 8pm

Opera on Tap | *OktoberFest 2018: Making the American Songbook great again*

Longy School of Music of Bard College, 27 Garden Street, Cambridge | 617.876.0956,

longy.edu/about/events/longys-oktoberfest-making-american-songbook-great-again/

October 13, 7:30 PM; 14, 2:30 PM

The Eventide Theatre Company & The New England Gilbert and Sullivan Society | *HMS Pinafore*, Gilbert & Sullivan (concert performance)

The Inn at Yarmouth Port, 168 Route 6A, Yarmouth Port, MA | 508.744.7546,

https://theinnatarmouthport.com/contact-us?utm_source=The+Inn+at+Yarmouth+Port&utm_campaign=fa104eb841-July+2018+Email+Campaign_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4f87d1b57b-fa104eb841-41319609&mc_cid=fa104eb841&mc_eid=1084de2253

October 12 - 21, varied times

Boston Lyric Opera | *The Barber of Seville*, Rossini

Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont Street, Boston | 617.542.6772, blo.org/barber/

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Emmanuel Music | Bach Cantata Series: *BWV 229, Komm, Jesu, komm*
617-536-3356 x 5, emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html
Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

October 14, 2 PM

Lincoln Library Opera Program | *Free Maria Callas lecture* by Erika Reitshamer
Lincoln Library, 3 Bedford Rd, Lincoln | 781.259.8465, <https://www.lincolnpl.org/>

October 14, 4 PM

Boston Early Music Festival: Les Talens Lyriques | *Light to Shadow: Music of François Couperin*
Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston | 617.661.1812, bemf.org/pages/concerts/18-19/lestalens.htm

October 14/21/28, 9:00 PM

WCRB 99.5: Voices with Chris Vos | TBA

October 20, 12:55 PM

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD | *Samson et Dalila*, Saint-Saens, metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/

Sunday, October 21, 10 AM

Emmanuel Music | Bach Cantata Series: *BWV 99, Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan II*, John Harbison, conductor
617-536-3356 x 5, emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html
Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

October 26 & 27, 8 PM; 28, 3 PM

Boston Opera Collaborative | *Opera Bites*, 7 ten-minute operas in a cabaret-style setting: food & drink offered.

Longy School of Music of Bard College, 27 Garden Street, Cambridge
bostonoperacollaborative.org/opera-bites-oct-18

October 27, 12:55 PM

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD | *La Fanciulla del West*, Puccini | metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/

October 27, 11 AM – November 3, 5 PM

Opera 51 | Auditions: *Carmen*, Bizet - Performance Dates: June 7, 8 and 9, 2019
<https://www.facebook.com/events/307043566772132/>

Sunday, October 28, 10 AM

Emmanuel Music | Bach Cantata Series: *BWV 23, Du wahrer Gott und Davids Sohn*
617-536-3356 x 5, emmanuelmusic.org/calendar_tickets/18-19season/caltix18-19_cantatas.html
Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

Sunday, October 28, 3-5 PM

Music to Cure MS | *free concert of opera, songs, chamber music to support the Accelerated Cure Project for Multiple Sclerosis*, organized by Marion Leeds Carroll - donations encouraged
Park Avenue Congregational Church, 50 Paul Revere Rd, Arlington
781.646.9115, singtocurems.org/2018/

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