



Richard Wagner Society of Florida

Newsletter for April, 2009

(Due to a scheduling conflict we needed to move our April meeting to May 3rd)

Meeting: **Sunday May 3rd. at 2:00 p.m.**

Location: **The home of Dr. Richard and Marita Rotella
515 161st Avenue, Redington Beach, FL. 33708**

*Make your reservation by Friday May 1st (727) 391-2658. Invite a friend.
Bring your favorite appetizer. Refreshments will be provided.*

Program: ***Parsifal: the Origins and Aftermath***

By Doctor Joe Baker

The haunting music of the “Good Friday Spell” and its message of redemption makes this Easter season an appropriate time to reintroduce ourselves to Wagner’s final masterpiece: Parsifal.

Doctor Joe Baker will present an overview of this enigmatic opera, recalling the literary origins of the story. He will describe the opera’s musical evolution and discuss its transcendent qualities. He will relate its applicable meaning to our 21st century attitudes, with influence on pop culture, and offer musical examples. Be prepared for a lively open discussion afterwards.

Next month’s meeting.

Our next and last meeting before we break for summer is scheduled for Sunday, May 31. Please mark the date on your calendar.

Report

Last month’s production of Siegfried by maestro Constantine Grame was well attended by our Wagner enthusiasts. It is a remarkable feat by



Constantine and his singers to accomplish such a highly demanding production.

Again it was a first for the Tampa Bay area, and we are looking forward to next year's offering of "Twilight of the Gods", the last opera of Wagner's Ring Cycle.

On Sunday, April 26th at 3:00pm. A vocal recital by Doreen Summers accompanied by Constantine Grame will take place at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center.

For ticket information call: 727- 942-5605

Many of our members have moved back to their summer homes, so we wish them a very happy season and a safe return.

Carmen Wagner, Vice President International and her husband Horst left for Germany this past week. Carmen was disappointed that she was unable to attend our April meeting. Unfortunately they had only three short weeks to spend with us. She extends her good wishes to our membership, and hopes to spend more of her time in Florida in the future.

Wishing you all the best,

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