



## Richard Wagner Society of Florida

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### Newsletter for February 2009

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**Meeting:** **Saturday February 28, at 2:00 p.m.**

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

*Make your reservation by Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, (727) 391-2658. Invite a friend.  
Bring your favorite Appetizer. Refreshments will be provided.*

**Program:** **An Introduction to Siegfried, the third Opera of the Ring of the Nibelungen**

***By Constantine Game***

***We music lovers eagerly look forward to seeing Siegfried, the third opera of Richard Wagner's epic: "Der Ring Des Nibelungen". As in his previous two memorable productions, "Das Rhinegold" and "Die Walküre", maestro Constantine Game will personally conduct from the piano this exciting English version of the complete work, with a cast of talented singers at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center this March.***

***At this month's meeting we are fortunate to have a preview of this unique event with maestro Game at the piano, and several fine voices offering musical examples and a summary of the plot.***

***Siegfried, the consummate Nordic hero who knows no fear falls in love with the abandoned demi-goddess Brünnhilde. Their ultimate sacrifices bring to a fiery end a world of cruelty, deceit and greed. From the ashes of Valhalla, the abode of the perished gods, will arise a new world, where Art and Love reign supreme.***

#### **Next meeting**

In support of the performance of Siegfried, the third opera of the Ring cycle, our March meeting will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2:00 PM at: The Tarpon Springs Performing Art Center. We are so fortunate to have Maestro Game perform this difficult and magnificent production. I would



love for all of us to show our full support. If you would like to have dinner following the performance, please let me know so we can arrange for a restaurant.

## **Report**

Many thanks to Mr. Karl Hesser for his wonderful January program. It was exciting to learn how a production can change with the times, but regardless, the music stays forever timeless.

I am happy to report that many Wagnerians attended the wonderful production of "The Merry Widow" at the Palladium Theater under the direction of Maestro Mark Sforzini performed in January.

## **Paul Heise**

*With regret and nostalgia, I must announce the relocation of our resident Wagnerian scholar Paul Heise to the greater Washington D.C. area. We gratefully acknowledge his positive influence and inspiring momentum that he so abundantly offered our Society, with his creative insight and provocative perspectives into the soul and music of Richard Wagner. We shall particularly miss his rare sense of humor and remarkable talent as raconteur. We encourage him to work hard on putting the finishing touches to his monumental opus, and wish him all the success in having it speedily published and circulated.*

*Paul's relocation is a great loss to me personally and to his many friends who have enjoyed his companionship for many years. E-mail: [alberich00@operamail.com](mailto:alberich00@operamail.com)*

## **Membership:**

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**Wishing you all the best,**

**Marita Wilhelmine Rotella, President**

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