



## *The Richard Wagner Society of Florida Newsletter*

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Meeting!!!!

January, 2007

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Date: Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Time, 2:00 p.m.

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

*Please make your reservation by Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Invite a friend.  
(727) 391-2658*

**Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres; refreshments will be provided**

**Program: “Richard Wagner”\_BBC Great Composers Series**  
*Approximately 1 hour. Introductory remarks by Dr. Richard Rotella*

*Musical genius, poet librettist, political activist, social critic, and womanizer, the life of Richard Wagner is a stirring series of escapades and adventures. This documentary examines the connections between Wagner's personal spiritual vision and his theory and practice of art. Among the featured performers are the renowned Daniel Barenboim, Georg Solti, Roger Norrington, Siegfried Jerusalem, and Deborah Polaski. Wagner scholars John Deathridge and Barry Millington contribute their perspectives, with added comments by Stephen Hawking and George Steiner.*

*To be followed by the deeply moving finale of the third act of Walküre: Wotan's farewell to Brünnhilde, featuring conductor James Levine and singers James Morris and Hildegard Behrens from a 1990 performance of the Met. Approx 20 minutes.*

### **Report:**

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>**. please mark it on your calendar.

Our scheduled meetings are usually on the last Sunday of every month. However, sometimes it is necessary to change to an earlier date, as for this February.

*I want to warmly welcome our new members. Joe Volz of Clearwater, Margaret Umberger of Redington Beach, Ingo and Anja Schaer of New Port Richey.*

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Thank you for supporting our Holiday Gala. A special thanks to Mario Santangelo for the endless hours he spent organizing the program.

We need volunteers to help with committees; and I always welcome recommendations for future programs. Your participation and input are greatly appreciated. Please alert me if you know of a particular young singing talent that you feel we should hear.

**Web site:**

Please visit our *Wagner web site*, [www.wagnersocietyflorida.org](http://www.wagnersocietyflorida.org) Planned items include: a discussion forum, archives of past programs, a schedule of upcoming Wagner Society programs, a section for Wagner research documents such as Paul Heise's annotated anthologies of Wagner's and Ludwig Feuerbach's writings, information on membership, links to other Wagner-related websites, a list of upcoming Wagner-related local, national, and international events. Members are invited to participate in the website's discussion forum, where they may exchange ideas with other contributors from around the globe.

**Please send me your e-mail addresses so I can send your newsletter by e-mail, it will save on paper and postage you will also receive it sooner.**

**Events:**

**Sarasota Opera: 2006-2007 Winter Opera Festival is offering: *Madama Butterfly*, *Attila*, and *Halka*. Schedule and tickets call: 941-366-8450; or: [www.sarasotaopera.org](http://www.sarasotaopera.org)**

**Mahaffey Theater/St. Petersburg: *Madama Butterfly* (Sarasota Opera Assoc.), Fri. Mar 9, 8 pm, and Sun. Mar 11, 2 pm. 813-286-2403**

**Ruth Eckerd Hall/Clearwater: *Rigoletto* (Teatro Lirico d'Europa); Sat. Mar 24, 8 pm; 727-791-7400**

**Opera Tampa: Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center/Tampa: *Don Giovanni*: Sat. Mar 17, 8 pm, Sun. Mar 18, 2 pm; *Il Trovatore*: Fri. Apr 13, 8 pm, Sun. Apr 15, 2 pm. 813-229-7827**

**Florida Grand Opera: *Manon Lescaut*(Puccini), (Miami/Ft.Lauderdale): , 800-741-1010; [www.fgo.org](http://www.fgo.org)**

**Palm Beach Opera: *Thaïs* (Massenet), (Kravis Center), 561-833-7888; [www.pbopera.org](http://www.pbopera.org)  
***Hope to see you,*****

*Marita*

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