



The Richard Wagner Society of Florida

Newsletter for January 2008

(Notice change of date)

Meeting: Sunday, **February 3rd**. Time, 2:00 p.m.

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

*Please make your reservation by Friday February 1st. Invite a friend. (727) 391-2658
Bring your favorite **bag** lunch. Other refreshments will be
provided.*

Program: “The Flying Dutchman - (Der Fliegende Holländer)”
By: Richard Wagner

Ilkka Bäckman’s acclaimed production takes place outdoors in the huge courtyard of Finland’s 500-year-old Olavinlinna Castle – a majestic and impressive setting which gives the production an atmosphere and realism almost impossible to create in a conventional theatre. Hildegard Behrens, at the height of her career, is the tragic Senta, whose destiny is to redeem the Dutchman from his fate. The German bass-baritone, Franz Grundheber, sings the title role, and Finland’s own Matti Salminen is the Norwegian Sea captain, Daland.

A romantic opera in three acts, 139 minute running time, DVD.

Presidents Report:

Our original meeting scheduled for Sunday January 27th. Is on the same date as that of Richard Wagner’s opera - Tristan and Isolde at the St. Pete Beach Theatre.

The opera is from the famed La Scala Opera House in Italy.

It will be presented at 6 pm. On Jan. 27th. and Feb. 10 at the St. Pete Beach Theatre.
Address: 315 Cory Ave. St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706. Price: \$20. Phone: 727-360-6697



Holiday Party:

Our Holiday Party at the Dunedin Country Club in Dunedin was a great success. The decor was beautiful and the buffet delicious.

Many Thanks to:

Mr. Karl Hesser our Master of Ceremony for introducing our entertainers.

To Maestro Constantine Grame who again was brilliant at the piano.

To international opera singer Ms. Rose Marie Frenie of the Sarasota Opera. Under her direction we were able to enjoy the wonderful performance by four very talented young singers.

The beautiful, brilliant soprano voice of Sara Peebles is always a joy to listen to.

Soprano Jennifer Harris with her strong Wagnerian voice, a pure delight.

Baritone Brandon Evans and Mezzo-soprano Deborah Peolkinghorn, exciting and full of promise.

Special thanks to Ike Deighton for her lovely table arrangements, and to Lilo Schumacher for securing the Country Club.

And most of all a great big thank you to you, our members and guests. Without you none of it would be possible.

Updating our records:

I am asking all members to give us their phone numbers, which will be kept completely confidential. It is important that you can be reached, just in case there are unanticipated last minute changes that you need to be made aware of. Please call:

Lilo Schumacher, our membership chairperson, at 727-725-4149.

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rwagnersocietyflorida@hotmail.com **Membership dues:** If you have not paid your dues for 2008, please do so as soon as possible. **Your tax deductible dues are: \$25 for single, \$40 for double.** **Donations: \$\$\$ The sky is the limit.**

Event Locations:

Sarasota Opera: For tickets call: 941-366-8450; or: www.sarasotaopera.org

Mahaffey Theater/St. Petersburg: 727-286-2403 - Ruth Eckerd Hall/Clearwater: 727-791-7400

New Century Opera, Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center: 727-942-5605

Florida Sun coast Opera" Guild: www.fisuncoastoperaguild.org

Pinellas Opera League: 727-784-9512 - Opera Tampa: 813-229-7827

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