



The Richard Wagner Society of Florida

Newsletter for October 2007

Meeting: Sunday, October 28th, 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, October 26th. Invite a friend. (727) 391-2658
Bring your favorite **bag** lunch. Other refreshments will be provided.*

Program: **"Lohengrin"**

We will watch a dvd of the complete 3 act opera.

'Lohengrin' was the last of Wagner's romantic operas in the tradition of Weber, Marschner, and others. While 'Lohengrin' preserves many Features of traditional opera, it also looks forward to Wagner's Revolutionary music dramas, particularly in its continuous development of melodic lines, and in its use of musical motifs. Perhaps the key element of its plot, Lohengrin's refusal to share with his wife Elsa the secret of his true identity and origin, contrasts with what Wagner described as the key plot element of his first music-drama, the 'Ring'. Wagner said that Wotan's confession to Bruennhilde (i.e., Wotan's agreement to share his secret anguish with her) is the most important event in the 'Ring'.

Report:

I want to thank you for your many good wishes during my health set-back last month. I am doing much better.

Future program dates: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, the meeting originally scheduled for November 25th has been moved to Sunday, December 2nd.

Our Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday, December 28th. Specifics, location, and time will be announced in your December Newsletter. If you plan to attend, let me know as soon as you can.



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.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by **e-mail** please let me know. Contact me at: Rytt@aol.com. It will save on expenses and time. Many have already agreed to on-line e-mail notifications. Also let me know of any address or phone number changes.

Membership: \$25 for single, \$40 for double. Donations: \$\$\$ The sky is the limit.
We must help to keep Opera alive. Please help support young artists.

Event Locations:

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

Mahaffey Theater/St. Petersburg: 813-286-2403

Ruth Eckerd Hall/Clearwater: 727-791-7400

Opera Tampa: 813-229-7827

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

I hope to see you at our October 28th performance of 'Lohengrin'.

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