



Richard Wagner Society of Florida

Newsletter for October 2008

Meeting: **Saturday October 25th. 2:00 p.m.**

Please note: due to a scheduling conflict I needed to change our meeting to, Saturday

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

*Make your reservation by Friday the 24th (727) 391-2658. Invite a friend.
Bring your favorite Appetizer. Refreshments will be provided.*

Program: **"The Flying Dutchman" (Der Fliegende Holländer)
By Richard Wagner**

This is Wagner's first, greatly popular, perennially performed, and shortest opera, inspired by a gothic tale by Heinrich Heine. It has launched many Wagner beginners toward a life-long love of the master's works. The influential presence of the supernatural makes its debut in this, and in later musical dramas to follow. A recurring Wagnerian theme is the power of a woman's enduring love to redeem a man who has lost his bargain with the Devil. We offer a riveting production by the Finnish Savonlinna Opera company, featuring Franz Grundheber as the Dutchman, Hildegard Behrens as Senta and Matti Salminen as Daland. Running time: 140 minutes.

Report:

Last month's program of Lohengrin was a great success. We had an enthusiastic turnout for the first meeting after our summer recess. A special thanks to those members who had invited guests.

Membership:

I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to our new Members; Martin Coonan, from Bradenton, Elizabeth and Mathew Uppenbrink, from Palm Harbor and Collette Penn, from Sarasota.

I also want to thank the many members for your prompt response in submitting your membership renewal form for our 2009 season.

A very special thank you to: Mariette and Paul Chappman for their very generous donation to our young artist scholarship fund.



Program's through December 31, 2009

Please mark your calendar

September 28, Lohengrin, a brief introduction followed by opera DVD.

October 25, The Flying Dutchman (Der Fliegende Holländer) DVD.

November 30, Rienzi, Overture, followed by lecture and open discussion.

December 28, Holiday Party, details will be given in October Newsletter.

Program for 2009 will be announced at a later date.

Membership Application and Renewal Form

At our board meeting on September 13, it was unanimously voted to revise and update our membership. Our fiscal year begins on January 01 and ends on December 31.

Please fill out your form and return it with your check or money-order. Should you decide to pay by cash, you must still complete the form. It must also be signed by the person the cash is given to and a copy is to be returned to you.

This system helps simplify our bookkeeping and membership roster.

We certainly appreciate your membership. And always welcome your participation and ideas.

Wishing you all the best!

Marita

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