

# BRAVO

the newsletter of the Opera League

## Tosca for the Future

**Y**ou can help insure the future of opera and change the lives of thousands of children in the process. The Opera League will partner with LA Opera to underwrite two fully staged, admission-free matinees of *Tosca*, on November 29 and December 5. This means that over 6,000 local students will be able to experience the glories of great opera first-hand, probably for the very first time.

Watch your August mail for the opportunity to be part of this crucial undertaking. You'll also find out about the many exceptional rewards that donors to the *Tosca* campaign can receive at various levels of giving.

Help kids learn the excitement and joy of opera, and make sure that opera remains a healthy part of our community well into the future. Please respond with a generous donation!



Your personal invitation to bring

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## You're Invited!

### À LA JOIE D' OFFENBACH

You won't want to miss the first Seminar of the season, Sunday morning, September 4, when two acknowledged experts, Dr. Richard Traubner and Michael Kaye, give us an in-depth look at Jacques Offenbach and *The Grand Duchess*, LA Opera's 2005/06 season opener. Your seminar registration enters you to win a drawing for an autographed copy of Dr. Traubner's book *Operetta: A Theatrical History*, considered the classic history of the form. Mr. Kaye authored the definitive edition of Offenbach's *Les contes d'Hoffmann*, which was pioneered here by Plácido Domingo.

Rehearsal schedules permitting,

we may also have the pleasure of renowned artists from LA Opera's production of *The Grand Duchess* taking part in discussions with Seminar moderator Dr. Allan Edmiston.

In addition to the world-class scholarship and insight you'll receive, Seminars are a wonderful way to introduce friends to opera, not to mention the chance to socialize with fellow opera buffs over coffee and pastries during the intermission. This Seminar takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Omni Hotel at 251 South Olive Street, just south of the Music Center. Please use the enclosed envelope to order your Seminar tickets.

### NOT YOUR TYPICAL SUMMER MOVIE

To whet our appetite for LA Opera's season opening production of *Pagliacci*, the Opera League is hosting a summer film party on Sunday, August 21, at 7 p.m.

And what better way to prepare for Franco Zeffirelli's brilliant and moving production than to watch his celebrated film *Pagliacci*, which earned him an Emmy for directing in 1982, and stars our own Plácido Domingo as Canio and the great singing actress Teresa Stratas as Nedda.

Long-time League members Lynda and Dick Patton have

generously offered their home at 3644 San Pasqual Street in Pasadena for this exciting backyard carnival. Our evening begins with wine and appetizers while we mingle before watching the movie and sharing a special treat.

Tickets are only \$15 per person and guests are welcomed. Make your plans now to attend. Simply complete and return the enclosed envelope by August 15. Directions for easy access and parking will be included with the tickets. If you have any questions, leave a message on the 24-hour Opera League message line at (213) 972-7220.

# getting together...



Natalie Limonick, recipient of the 2005 Peter Hemmings Memorial Award, receives congratulations from Sid Adair for her many years of outstanding contributions in opera education. Photo: Robert Millard.



Elizabeth Futral exudes passion as she performs several arias at the festive Opera League event of June 5, 2005. Photo: Robert Millard.



Carol and Warner Henry, center, receive the 2005 Peter Hemmings Memorial Award for their leadership with LA Opera, from Sherwin Sloan (left) and Duff Murphy (right), both first year winners of the coveted annual Opera League award. Photo: Robert Millard.



Eva Grant, President of African Americans for Los Angeles Opera, (center) smiles appreciatively at student Zanaida Robles' presentation of flowers to honored guest renowned mezzo-soprano Florence Quivar at the Tenth Anniversary Celebration.



Artist (left to right) Ralph Cato, Haqumai Sharpe, Cedric Berry and Shana Blake Hill, accompanied by Jim Cameron (not pictured) entertain guests royally after brunch at the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of AALAO.

## THE GRAND DUCHESS and PAGLIACCI GATHERINGS

Antelope Valley	Aug. 28	2-4:30 pm	43422 25th St. West, Lancaster, 93536	Dr. Harold Krueger 661-728-0671
San Fernando Valley	Aug. 28	2-4:30 pm	11615 Canton Place, Studio City, 91604	Regi Merwin, Jackie Johns 818-953-8920
Historic LA	Aug. 28	2-4:30 pm	418 S. McCadden Place, LA, 90020	Sandra Kohn 323-935-9943
Orange County	Aug. 28	2-4:30 pm	19556 Grandview Cir., Hunt. Beach, 92648	Claire Chambless 714-533-4186
Westside	Aug. 29	7:30-10 pm	585 Almar Ave., Pacific Palisades, 90272	Dr. Jim Shumaker, Monika Whitaker 310-829-1069
San Gabriel Valley	Aug. 30	7-9:30 pm	5278 La Canada Blvd., La Canada, 91011	Carmen Paz 818-765-2293
Santa Clarita	Aug. 31	7-9:30 pm	24271 San Fernando Rd., Santa Clarita	Olga Joseau 661-297-3086
Claremont	Sept. 2	7-9:30 pm	150 N. Mountain, Claremont, 91711	Patricia O'Donnell 909-447-5038
Ventura County	Sept. 9	7-9:30 pm	28 Ranchero Road, Bell Canyon, 91307	Dr. Chris Montgomery 813-346-4145

# spread the word...learn. help. share.

<i>Aug. 21st</i>	<i>7 pm</i>	<i>Pagliacci Party in Pasadena (page 1)</i>
<i>Aug. 28th - Sept. 9th</i>	<i>various</i>	<i>Regional Gatherings (page 3)</i>
<i>Sept. 4th</i>	<i>10 am-1 pm</i>	<i>Seminar on The Grand Duchess (page 1)</i>
<i>Sept. 6th</i>	<i>5 pm</i>	<i>Help with cast dinner for Duchess</i>
<i>Sept. 8th</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Duchess rehearsal for Patrons &amp; Sustaining</i>
<i>Sept. 9th</i>	<i>11 am-4:30 pm</i>	<i>Help seniors at Pagliacci rehearsal</i>
<i>Sept. 10th</i>	<i>8 am-4 pm</i>	<i>Help at Duchess Opera for Educators</i>



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**INVITATIONS  
ARE INCLUDED**

- ★ Pagliacci Party August 21<sup>st</sup>
  - ★ Seminar September 4<sup>th</sup>
  - ★ Gathering Schedule
- Respond via enclosed envelope