

Opera in the Afternoon: Favorite arias from Bellini to Puccini

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Chairperson: Tom Turicchi

Bel canto literally means “beautiful singing”. It is a term used to describe an Italian-originated style that consists of a light, bright quality that opera singers have used for centuries to charm audiences. Join us to learn about bel canto and to listen to live performances of popular Italian arias by Baritone Dino Valle and artists from the SWFL Italian Opera Society. Included in this program will be your favorites from Norma, The Barber of Seville, The Elixir of Love, Rigoletto, La Traviata and Tosca. The program will be followed by a reception with wine and merende, Italian small plates including bruschetta, cheese and fruit catered by *Trattoria per Tutti*.

Dino Valle is founder of the Bellini Opera Theatre and the SWFL Italian Opera Society. He studied voice, Opera and Drama at the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts, and the Indiana University School of Music. Joining maestro Valle at this event will be Lyric Soprano Beth Wininger, Dramatic Soprano Ellie VandeMeuse, and Russian Pianist Lidia Doroshina.

First Congregational Church
Price: \$27

Lecture / Performance 3:00
Followed by merende reception 4:00