Spring Forward!

It’s so exciting after our dreary Seattle winter to see crocus, flowering trees and rhododendrons in bloom! All of us appreciate this renewal of energy around us and are doubly excited to watch our new Seattle Opera at the Center arise from the rubble of the old Mercer Arena. This is especially thrilling for SOG because we made major donations to the project and will hold our board meetings there in a new conference room with our name on it!

Spring and summer are also the times for our unique fundraisers. Please know that this is such an important part of what we do to support Seattle Opera. We have enjoyed performances by our SOG-supported young singers this year and eagerly anticipate the competition on May 4 to choose our next winners. Our Raffle Committee is compiling a fantastic list of prizes to entice our long-time supporters of the Guild. We will all have the opportunity to volunteer to sell tickets during Seattle Opera intermissions and to our friends—it’s fun and very rewarding financially for our programs. Let’s all get moving, enjoy the longer days and a renewal of spirits at SOG!

Mission Statement

The Seattle Opera Guild is a non-profit organization that supports and promotes opera. The Guild provides financial support for Seattle Opera, funds vocal scholarships and promotes opera education for all age groups to ensure future opera audiences.
AIDA by Giuseppe Verdi

Preview Schedules

Saturday, April 21, 2018
Amici**
Home of Christine Riley
4233 92nd NE
Yarrow Point, WA 98004
*206.972.8124
Arrival: 4:45pm
Business Meeting: 5:00pm
Program: 5:30pm
Dinner & Fundraiser: 6:30PM
Contact: Maria Van Horn, 206.354.9132
mcvho4@yahoo.com

Sunday, April 22, 2018
Bellini and Vivace**
Inglewood Golf Club in Kenmore
6505 Inglewood Road NE
Kenmore, WA 98028
*425.488.8800
Hostess: Emily Bennett
Arrival: 3:45pm (appetizers and no host bar)
Program: 5:00pm
Buffet: 6:00pm
Contact: Sally Buckingham, 425.293.4510
sally.buckingham21@gmail.com

*Host phone numbers are provided for last minute driving directions.
Please call listed contacts for all other enquiries.
** RESERVATIONS PLEASE.

Upcoming Opera Events in Our Region

Saturday, April 28, 2018
Allegro & Mercer Island**
Aljoya
2430 7th Ave SE
Mercer Island, WA 98040
Parking Available in garage across the street at 2441 76th Ave SE
Suggested Arrival Time: 4:30pm
Social: 5:00pm
Program: 5:30pm
Dinner: 6:30pm
Contact: Sigrid Hokanson, 206.232.7696
Contact: Gayle Charlesworth, 253.639.1423, gaylewings@gmail.com

May 14, 2018
UW Voice Division Recital
Brechemin Auditorium, UW Campus
https://music.washington.edu/events/2018-05-14/voice-division-recital
(206) 543-6450

May 18 & 20, 2018
The Magic Flute
Vashon Opera at Vashon Center for the Arts
www.vashonopera.org
(206) 388-2926

May 20, 2018
“Much Ado About Music”
Resonance at SOMA Towers
288 106th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98004
resonance.events

May 20, 2018
Gaman
Music of Remembrance
Nordstrom Recital Hall
www.musicofremembrance.org
(206) 365-7770

June 8-10
Fedora
Puget Sound Concert Opera
www.pugetsoundconcertopera.org/
season1718.html
We thank our outstanding raffle sellers, who raised over $23,000 for the Guild!

Left to right: Maria Van Horn and Penny Wade. Photo credit: Suzy Wakefield.

Memorials and Tributes Fund

Did you know that you can donate to SOG as a memorial or tribute to a special person? These contributions help to support our Singers Development Award Fund. Please send checks payable to SOG Memorials and Tributes to Treasurer Sally Buckingham @ 21708 48th Ave West, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. For more information, please contact Cheryl Lundgren @ 253.236.5946.

SOG members recently memorialized include: Barbara Arnesen, Liz Bagshaw, Susanne Hubbach, Kathleen Martin, Betty Lou McGowan, Lois Moe and N. Donn Talenti. The donors included Emily Bennett, Charles and Kerry Carlson, Gayle and Michael Charlesworth, Lois Grobe, Cheryl Lundgren, Ann Milam, Joan Parker, Mary Scott and Suzy Wakefield.

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In Memoriam

Elizabeth Bagshaw
(1933-2017)

Our long time SOG member Liz Bagshaw died December 6 after a brief illness. Liz was a much-loved friend to many of us, cheerfully greeting us at SOG annual events and fundraisers. She was an active member of our Bellini preview group, having served as Chair and in other offices. Liz also served on the SOG Nominating and Award of Distinction committees and was an enthusiastic supporter of our organization, along with Seattle Opera, the English Speaking Union and the American Society of Friends. We appreciate and will miss her writing and editing contributions to our SOG newsletter, L’Aria. Liz was preceded in death by her husband Bob and is survived by her children Ann, Paul, Margaret and Michelle, and five grandchildren. Liz had a lively, outgoing personality and will be remembered fondly by all who were privileged to know her.

Betty Lou McGowan
(1926-2018)

By age seven Betty Lou sang on the radio and was billed as the “Little Kate Smith of Kansas City.” She paid for her U of Kansas City education by modeling, teaching ballet and singing in vaudeville theatre and Midwest night clubs. She also toured with Red Cross shows during WWII. Betty Lou made many contributions to SOG and was the long-time chair of our Vivace Preview Group. She received our prestigious SOG Award of Distinction in 1991 and was recently honored with a special award as a long-time artist aide at Seattle Opera. Betty Lou is survived by her husband Donald, three children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She contributed so much to our organization and will be greatly missed.

Kathleen Martin
(1942-2018)

Kathleen died March 5 after a brief illness. She was active in SOG as a member of our Magnolia/Queen Anne preview group. She served as chair of M/QA and organized our highly successful Viva Espana fundraiser last summer. She also served as Vice President of Communications and played an active role in establishing SOG’s Facebook page and website. Kathleen also enjoyed serving as an artist aide for Seattle Opera and sang in her church choir. She and her husband Colby (Skip) Dempsey had previously lived in New Orleans and Idaho and were welcome additions to our SOG family. Kathleen is survived by their three children and two grandchildren. She will be missed. The family suggests memorials to Seattle Opera Guild.
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