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NEWSLETTER

PARTNERS has turned one!

The gratifying results of **PARTNERS for the Arts'** First Vocal Awards Competition last fall continued well into 2014.

PARTNERS started the year with the strong and indispensable support of our members and our partners. In March, our partner, the **Bulgarian Music Society**, invited our competition winners and finalist **Merideth Marano** to perform in a concert at the Bulgarian Embassy. They received a standing ovation from the embassy's delighted audience.

PARTNERS celebrated its first anniversary in May with a spirited musicale and delicious buffet at the elegant house of our friend and supporter, **Mrs. Shahin Mafi**. Again, our competition winners and the same finalist enchanted attendees with their riveting performances. We were so pleased to enjoy the presence of many of our members, some of whom were with us for our inaugural musicale in March 2013. **PARTNERS** also was honored to have celebrating with us **Maestros Robert Wood** from UrbanArias, **Stan Engebretson**, artistic director of the National Philharmonic Chorale, and **John Edward Niles**, director of The American Wagner Project of The Wagner Society of Washington DC. Friends from many other arts organizations gave us the pleasure of their company. It was a real celebration!

By popular request, our June event was a potluck dinner at the lovely home of **Mrs. Isin Ludlow**. The entertainment was an opera quiz concocted by **PARTNERS'** vice president,

Dr. Robert Misbin. **PARTNERS'** first full season of operation was a most successful and satisfying one, thanks to the encouragement and participation of our members, partners, and friends.

Buoyed by all of you who believe in and support our mission, we look forward to the following months—and years—with confidence and enthusiasm. Our new season will begin with a lecture, followed by a social period, on Sunday, September 21, discussing the music of Richard Strauss to commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth.

The major event of the fall will be our Second Vocal Awards Competition on the weekend of October 25 and 26, 2014. It will be held again at the Lyceum in Alexandria, VA. Members and friends are invited to attend both the semifinal (Saturday, October 25) and final (Sunday, October 26) rounds. A new feature of this year's competition will be the introduction of an encouragement award of \$250 to all the finalists who do not place in the top three. Please contribute to these encouragement awards in any amount you wish by sending your check to **PARTNERS** for the Arts at 6858 Grande Lane, Falls Church, VA 22043. If you donate \$250, the award will carry your name and you may present it to the finalist at the conclusion of the final round, if you wish.

Thank you, friends, for all you have done to make **PARTNERS** strong and healthy and to enable us to grow.

PARTNERS for the Arts encourage and promote the careers of emerging vocal artists not under professional management, interact with arts organizations and schools of music in mutually beneficial activities, and nurture audience development.

ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS



POTLUCK HIGHLIGHTS



WINNERS OF PARTNERS' VOCAL
COMPETITION APPEAR IN CONCERT AND
RECEIVE A STANDING OVATION AT THE
BULGARIAN EMBASSY



Accompanist Frank Conlon, Merideth Marano, Joshua Baumgardner, and Norman Garrett.

SECOND PRIZEWINNER PERFORMS WITH
LYRIC OPERA VIRGINIA IN MASTER CLASS



Maestro Joe Walsh, artistic director of Lyric Opera Virginia, Lisa Vroman in the role of Maria Callas, and second prizewinner Joshua Baumgardner.

FINALIST MERIDETH MARANO SINGS THE ROLE
OF NEDDA IN *PAGLIACCI* WITH THE NEWEST
OPERA COMPANY IN TOWN,
MARYLAND LYRIC OPERA



Dr. Henriette Lund, artistic director of Maryland Lyric Opera, soprano Merideth Marano, and **PARTNERS'** vice president Dr. Robert Misbin.

PARTNERS' PERFORMERS SING
THEIR HEARTS OUT!



Finalist Merideth Marano sang at Maryland Lyric Opera's debut gala in March.

Second prizewinner Joshua Baumgardner participated in Dolora Zajick's master class presented by The Wagner Society of Washington DC in May. In July, he attended Ms. Zajick's Institute for Young Dramatic Voices.



In June, Issachah Savage, who performed at **PARTNERS'** inaugural musicale, sang a recital organized by The Wagner Society of Washington DC.

Third prizewinner Jeffrey Grayson Gates performed the role of the Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance* presented by The Victorian Lyric Opera Company in June.



The role of Santuzza in *Cavalleria Rusticana* was sung by Fabiana Bravo for Maryland Lyric Opera in July. Ms. Bravo also performed at **PARTNERS'** inaugural musicale.

First prizewinner Norman Garrett portrayed Escamillo in Wolf Trap Opera's production of *Carmen*.



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PARTNERS' PARTNERS' PRODUCTIONS IN 2014-2015



Baltimore Concert Opera
Amleto, Oct. 2, 5
La Traviata, Nov. 21, 23
This Little Light of Mine, Feb. 27,
 Mar. 1
Lakmé, May 1, 3
baltimoreconcertopera.com



Lyric Opera Baltimore
Madama Butterfly, Nov. 7, 9
lyricoperahouse.com



Opera Delaware
Who's Afraid of Opera? Oct. 24, 26
Love and Death, Feb. 13
This Little Light of Mine,
 Feb. 20, 22
Lakmé, May 8, 16
La Tragédie de Carmen,
 May 9, 15, 17
Wine, Women, and Food in Song!
 May 13, 16
operade.org



Opera Lafayette
*Les Fêtes de l'Hymen et de
 l'Amour ou Les Dieux d'Égypte*,
 Oct. 6
*A Wink at the Past, Chamber
 Music of Handel and Bach*,
 Feb. 24
L'Épreuve Villageoise, May 30
operalafayette.org



Maryland Lyric Opera
 Program to be announced
marylandlyricopera.org



Urban Arias
Three Decembers,
 Sep. 27-28, Oct. 3-4
Blue Viola, Mar. 20-29
urbanarias.org



Virginia Opera
Sweeney Todd, Oct. 11-12
HMS Pinafore, Dec. 5-6
Salome, Feb. 14-15
La Traviata, Mar. 21-22
vaopera.org



**Washington Concert
 Opera**
I Capuleti e i Montecchi,
 Sep. 28
Guntram, Mar. 1
concertopera.org



**The National Philharmonic
 at Strathmore**
 For their extensive season,
 please visit
nationalphilharmonic.org



**The Bulgarian Music
 Society**
 Program to be announced
bulgarianmusicsociety.org

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