

The Italian Cultural Society Presents
 Sunday 3pm, May 16, 2010
 National Philharmonic Singers
 "An Afternoon at the Opera"



The National Philharmonic Singers, a chamber choir directed by Victoria Gau and one of several performing ensembles of the National Philharmonic under the direction conductor **Stan Engebretson**, will present a concert of operatic arias and choruses by Verdi, Bizet and Gershwin on Sunday, May 16, 2010, 3 pm at the **Friendship Heights Community Center, 4433 S. Park Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815**. The Center is within a 5 min walk of a red-line Metro station.

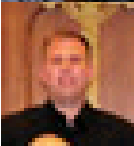


Soloists

Soprano Jennifer Jellings is a frequent soloist in opera, recital and oratorio. Ms. Jellings recently made her debut at Carnegie Hall as a first place winner in the Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition. Ms. Jellings has appeared at the White House and with the Washington National Opera, the Summer Opera Theatre Company, the Alexandria Symphony, the New Dominion Chorale, the In-Series and Choralis.



Baritone Bryan Jackson Scarpia, Aleko, Figaro, are just a few of the roles in which baritone, Bryan Jackson, is making his mark. He has appeared most recently as Il Duca D'Albuquerque in Donizetti's Maria Padilla with the Washington Concert Opera and Jupiter in Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld.



Tenor Jason Saffell is a member of both the National Philharmonic Chorale and the NP Singers. He has performed as a soloist with area choruses and ensembles and is a student of Molly Donnelly, Professor of Music at Montgomery College.

Program

La Traviata: Libiamo, ne'lieti caldici (J. Jellings, J. Saffell)
 G. Verdi Noi siamo zingarelle
 Di Madride noi siam mattadori
 Sempre Libera (J. Jellings)

Carmen: Toreador song (B. Jackson)
 G. Bizet

Porgy and Bess: (J. Jellings & B. Jackson)
 G. Gershwin Summertime
 It Ain't Necessarily So
 Oh, I Can't Sit Down!
 Bess, You is My Woman Now
 Oh Lord, I'm On My Way

A donation of \$10 per person is requested to defray expenses