

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

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Verdi Learning Series

As a special part of Michigan Opera Theatre's yearlong tribute to Giuseppe Verdi, the Department of Community Programs proudly presents the Verdi Learning Series. An extension of the Department's award-winning Learning at the Opera House, the series offers an in-depth look at the life and works of the Master Composer through lectures, panel discussions, performances and even a sing-along. Here's a sneak-peak at what we have in store for you:

January 23 at 7:00 p.m.

"Verdi, His Life and Politics"

John Zaretti, President of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, presents a biographical sketch of the life of Verdi, with special focus on Verdi's political role in Italy. This program will also offer a preview of the Parma Opera Ensemble, featuring Michele Pertusi.

February 11 at 3:00 p.m.

February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

March 17 at 2:00 p.m.

March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

March 31 at 2:00 p.m.

April 7 at 2:00 p.m.

April 28 at 2:00 p.m.



singer.

May 5 at 2:00 p.m.

May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

"The Falstaff Character and the Shakespeare/Verdi Connection"

Dr. Martin Herman, Professor of Humanities at Wayne State University will provide fascinating insights into the Falstaff character of both the playwright and composer.

Admission to lectures is \$15 for adults and \$5 for students with valid student identification. To register and for more information please call 313/237-3270.