



State Repertory Opera

Presents

## *April in Paris*



*April 28, 2013*

### **Directions to the Van Vleck House and Gardens 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, N.J. 07042**

*From the Garden State Parkway — North or South*

Take Exit 148 - Bloomfield Ave. in Bloomfield. Go west on Bloomfield Ave. Continue for 2½ miles until you reach North Mountain Ave. in Montclair. You will see the Montclair Art Museum on your left.

Turn right on North Mountain Ave. Continue to the second cross street — Van Vleck Street. The house is on the southwest corner.

Van Vleck phone number: 973-744-4752

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The Van Vleck House and Gardens  
21 Van Vleck Street  
Montclair , NJ

Many of the world's most beautiful melodies come from the pens of French composers. Today we present the familiar music of "Carmen" and "Faust" and rarely heard works by Massenet and Debussy.

One of the most passionate death scenes in opera portrays a defiant Carmen and a tortured lover-Don Jose. He finally realizes that Carmen no longer loves him. He kills her in front of the bullring in Seville where a statue to Carmen stands today.

In Massenet's "Thais", the zealous monk Athanael wishes to take the courtesan Thais away from her life of debauchery in Alexandria. Realizing that she will not always be beautiful, she agrees to repent and live a life of austerity. It is too much for her. As she lay dying, Athanael professes his love for her.

In Massenet's "Herodiade" we see a different Salome from the one we know. She falls in love with John the Baptist who rescued her in the desert. King Herod turns his attention to Salome who refuses him. In this complicated triangle, Herodiade wants revenge. The King is furious. He condemns John to death and Salome kills herself.

Werther is a poet who has just met the fiancée of his best friend, Albert. He falls in love with her, but Charlotte and Albert marry. This is a gentle story of an unrequited love. Werther, in true poetic form, commits suicide. Before he dies, Charlotte tells him that she really loved him all along.

"L'enfant prodique" is a one act opera by a 25 year old Debussy. Azael has become an outcast after leaving his home to pursue extravagant worldly ways. He eventually returns to his parents and the prodigal son is received with open arms by his parents Lia and Simeon.

Gounod's "Faust" is one of our best know operas. Faust has relinquished his life to the Devil to be young again. Mephistopheles makes it possible for Faust to meet and have the innocent Marguerite fall in love with him. Sadly, she drowns the infant she has born and is in prison. Satan tries to entice her to go with him and Faust, but she recognizes the Devil and recoils. Satan and Faust descend to Hell and Marguerite is lifted to heaven.



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cordially invites you to join us for wines, dinner  
and a concert of operatic scenes from

Carmen, Thais, Herodiade, Werther, L'enfant prodique and Faust

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with

Tamara Tsoutsouris ..... *soprano*  
Katy Sumrow ..... *mezzo soprano*  
Joshua Benevento ..... *tenor*  
Mark Wilson ..... *baritone*  
Steven Fredericks ..... *bass*

at the Van Vleck House and Gardens  
21 Van Vleck Street  
Montclair, New Jersey

Sunday, April 28, 2013  
4:30 to 7:30 PM

This invitation is extended to you by \_\_\_\_\_  
and is a fundraising event to benefit future programming for SRO.

*\$150 per person*

*Directions to the villa are on the reverse side.*

I/we will attend. Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ April in Paris!

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My tax deductible contribution is enclosed as follows:

- Conductor's Circle ..... \$2,500
- Benefactor ..... \$1,000
- Sponsor ..... \$500

I/we cannot attend but enclose a contribution.

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to *State Repertory Opera*. Kindly respond by April 14, 2013.

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