



# Seaglass Theater Company

Patrice Tiedemann, Artistic Director

Presents

## *A Classical Christmas*

December 10, 2016 7:00 PM

December 11, 2016 3:00 PM

Grace Episcopal Church

133 School Street

New Bedford, MA

The historic Grace Episcopal Church is the setting for the inaugural concert of Seaglass Theater Company, a company dedicated to bringing the finest classics to the South East, inspiring community engagement and conversation. Revel in some of New England's finest professional voices as they celebrate the holiday season with thrilling renditions of O Holy Night, Gesu Bambino, Ave Maria, and many more, as well as traditional carols sung in their original language. Appearing at this concert are baritone Paul Soper, soprano Patrice Tiedemann, Tenor Giovanni Formisano, and soprano Martha Gannon Souza, with instrumental accompaniment.

General Admission Tickets are \$25.00, with senior citizen tickets at \$20.00. In addition, we are pleased to offer a special discounted ticket to New Bedford Preservation Society House Tour map holders at \$20.00. This will be honored at both performances, no matter which day the house tour is taken.

For more information, please visit [www.seaglasstheater.com](http://www.seaglasstheater.com) or call 508-951-7187.



## **ABOUT THE PERFORMERS**

**PAUL SOPER-** Baritone Paul Soper made his operatic debut with Houston Grand Opera as the Innkeeper in *Manon* and has sung principal and comprimario roles with Boston Lyric Opera, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Glimmerglass Opera, Opera Naples (FL) and the National Touring Company of New York City Opera. Recent seasons include the title role of Rachminoff's *Aleko* with Commonwealth Lyric Theater, Judge Turpin in *Sweeney Todd* with Lyric Stage Company, Bach's *St. John Passion* with the Pioneer Valley Symphony, Emile DeBecque in *South Pacific* with Seacoast Repertory Theater, and appearances with Charleston Chamber Opera, Falmouth Chorale, Cape Cod Opera, Opera Providence, Connecticut Early Music Festival, and the Chamber Orchestra of Boston in a wide variety of genres.

**GIOVANNI FORMISANO-** Tenor Giovanni Formisano, a native of Torre del Greco, Italy, began his studies at the Longy School of Music. Professional credits include the Young Gypsy in *Aleko* with Commonwealth Lyric Opera, Camille in *The Merry Widow* with Opera Providence, Rodolfo in *La Boheme* with Boston Opera Collaborative, and James Vane in the world premiere of Jeffrey Brody's *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. He has also been featured in concerts with Boston Bel Canto Opera and the Paul Madore Chorale, as a soloist in Beethoven's *9th Symphony* with Amherst College, Alfred in *Die Fledermaus* with the Riverside Theatre Works, Nemorino in *L'Elisir D'amore* with Center City Opera in Philadelphia and Opera del West, Arturo in *Lucia di Lammermoor* with Commonwealth Opera, Cavaradossi in *Tosca* with the Lowell House Opera, Pong in *Turandot* with the Connecticut Grand Opera and Lowell House Opera, and Spoletta in *Tosca* with the Cape Cod Opera.

**PATRICE TIEDEMANN-** Soprano Patrice Tiedemann's performance highlights include Holiday concerts with the Boston Pops, Boston Lyric Opera ( *The Little Prince*), Pioneer Valley Symphony (*Cavalleria Rusticana*), Piccolo Spoleto Festival (*L'enfant Prodigue*) Opera Boston (*The Consul*), Central City Opera (*Madama Butterfly/Susannah*), Rhode Island Philharmonic (*Hansel & Gretel*), Rhode Island Civic Chorale & Orchestra (Beethoven's *Mass in C*, Mozart *Requiem*) Indianapolis Opera (*Otello*), Boston Civic Symphony (*Verdi Requiem*), the Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music* at Theatre by the Sea and New Bedford Festival Theatre, and appearances with the New Bedford Symphony, Commonwealth Lyric Theatre, Opera Providence, Cape Cod Opera, North Shore Philharmonic, Shenandoah Symphony Orchestra, Symphony by the Sea, and many others in classical, sacred and theatrical repertoire. She is a featured soloist on the seasonal recording *Winter Peace*, which benefits the educational programs of the New Bedford Symphony. For more information, please visit [www.patricetiedemann.org](http://www.patricetiedemann.org) @PatriceTiedeman



**MARTHA GANNON SOUZA**-Soprano Martha Gannon Souza has appeared as a soloist with the Rhode Island Philharmonic for their educational outreach concerts, as Gherardino in *Gianni Schicchi* and Papagena in *The Magic Flute* with Salt Marsh Opera, as the soprano soloist in *Carmina Burana* with the Providence Singers Summer Sings, and with Opera Providence in *The Pirates of Penzance*. She made her debut in 2014 with New Bedford Festival Theatre as Sister Sophia in *The Sound of Music*, and appeared in concert with critically acclaimed pianist Roberto Plano. She is a graduate of Rhode Island College, and is currently the Development Coordinator for the New Bedford Symphony.

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