



Bellini Opera Theatre is proud to perform for the 67th Anniversary of the Italian Republic.

Bellini Opera was founded by opera enthusiast, Rosolino Lo Duca, out of his deep love for the Sicilian customs and language. A native of Cinisi in the province of Palermo, he naturally has a passion for the music of Vincenzo Bellini. Dino Valle, co-founder of Bellini Opera Theatre, with more than 35 years of operatic experience, has founded the Italian Opera Co, The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, The Statue of Enrico Caruso Society, the Dearborn Opera, and the SWF Italian Opera Society. Mr. Valle feels privileged to be a part of Bellini Opera Theatre and has been presenting many concerts and recitals to new operatic audiences in Michigan, Florida, and Italy, including the golden voice of Joseph Calleja, international tenor, Francesco Demuro and world renown basso, Michele Pertusi.

Bellini Opera Theatre, asked Italian Sculptor, Giuliano Zuccato, to create the Bust of the Sicilian Swan, Vincenzo Bellini. President Rosolino Lo Duca, along with Artistic Director Dino Valle, and sculptor Giuliano Zuccato researched many portraits of Bellini. Zuccato's sculpture is an iconic Bellini that will be recognized at first glance. The Bronze sculpture, donated to Michigan Opera by Giuliano Zuccato and Bellini Opera Theatre is now in the lobby of the Detroit Opera House, home of Michigan Opera Theatre. See the sculpture below.

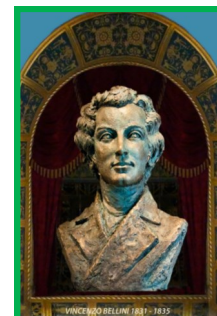
Vincenzo Bellini was born in Catania in 1801 and died in 1835. He developed, along with Donizetti and Rossini, the "Bel Canto" (beautiful singing) style of operatic composition that influenced many composers, including the great piano composers, Chopin, Schumann, and Liszt who used the melodious, cantabile "Bel Canto" style in their compositions for piano. Bellini is truly the king of melody and Italian Bel Canto style.

The Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Giulio Terzi and the Ambassador of Italy in Washington DC, Claudio Bisognero declared 2013 the Year of the Italian Culture in the US from 1492 to present. Bellini Opera Theatre and SWF Italian Opera Society began the celebrations in January with programs in all Collier County Libraries in Naples, Florida, with a Tribute to Giuseppe Verdi in commemoration of his 200 Anniversary. We also performed the Music of: Monteverdi, Pergolesi, Rossini, Bellini, Donizetti, Puccini, Leoncavallo, and Mascagni. The performances will continue today with this special program for the 67 anniversary of the Italian republic. From June to December at the centennial Library of Dearborn. A very special program on October 26th, at the Traverse City Opera House. Mr. Lo Duca and Mr. Valle state that Italy has influenced the US in Architecture, Science, Arts, Literature, Cinema, Food, Wine, Music and Opera. Bellini Opera Concerts and lectures focuses on Bel Canto, Italian Classics, Neapolitan songs, and Opera. We are reaching many people, bringing them joy, drama, emotions, passion, peace and love to all.

Bellini Opera Theatre hope to foster the enjoyment of operatic music for today's audiences by presenting these concerts in a multicultural exchange between the United States and Italy, with artists sharing the joy of music, bel canto and opera.



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