

## Lyric Opera Profiles:

### *Tristan and Isolde*

by Richard Wagner

Sun., Jan. 18, 2 pm

Josh Piepgras discusses the opera about Tristan, a knight, who falls in love with Isolde, an Irish princess, as he is escorting her by ship to Cornwall where she is to marry Marke, an English king.

### *Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci* by Pietro Mascagni

and Ruggero Leoncavallo  
Sun., Feb. 8, 2 pm

Marian Goldberg presents profiles of these two one-act operas. *Cavalleria* is a love story about two Sicilian villagers, Turiddu and Lola; Lola marries Alfio after Turiddu leaves for military service. When Turiddu returns, he consoles himself with Santuzza, but soon resumes his affair with Lola.

In the opera *Pagliacci*, Canio is an actor in a traveling troupe, which includes his adulterous wife and her admirer, Tonio.

## Starting a Business in Illinois

Mon., Feb. 2, 3-5 pm

This workshop is designed to help answer some of the questions about the regulations, requirements and aspects of operating a small business before you invest your time, money and effort starting a business. A feasibility checklist will help you evaluate your business idea and a business plan outline will help you establish your business credibility. Find out if being a business owner is right for you now or in the future. Workbook and business templates are provided. Co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Illinois SBDC/Duman Micro-enterprise Center, Jewish Vocational Services. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.



## Scrabble and Chess

Sun., Jan. 11 and Sun., Feb. 8

NEW TIME: 2-4 pm

The timing of Scrabble and Chess games for adults and teens has been changed by popular demand to 2-4 pm.

## Eat Well for Less

Tues., Feb. 10, 11:30 am

Laura Bruzas, editor and publisher of *Healthy Dining Chicago* provides healthy lifestyle options for consumers: bite-size, easy-to-digest morsels of practical information, useful resources, simple recipes, and time and money-saving ideas.

## Isn't It Romantic?

### Love Songs from Beckie and Tom

Sun., Feb. 15, 2 pm



In what they call a "musical marriage," Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael delight audiences with their rare chemistry, inventive arrangements and genuine love for music and for one another. Menzie's rich voice and expert piano stylings sizzle on everything from sassy swing to smoky torch songs. Michael's warm, expressive style and charismatic tenor breathe new life into cabaret standards and reveal why *BackStage Magazine* has called him "one of the most striking singers to emerge in the last few years."

## French Pastries and Desserts

Sat., Feb. 28, 1-3 pm

Chef Michael Maddox of Le Titi de Paris in Arlington Heights will demonstrate techniques and tricks

for making canapés, *petit fours*, chocolate mousse and other delectable desserts. Limit: 60; registration is required; call 847-929-5101.

## Calling All Writers!

### MGPL's 2009 Writing Contest deadline is April 6

In honor of National Library Week, April 12-19, the Morton Grove Public Library will be sponsoring its fourth annual writing contest. The theme for 2009 is *Worlds Connect @ Your Library*. Rules for the contest are:

1. Maximum of 500 words
2. Entries must be printed legibly or typed on 8.5 x 11 inch paper
3. On the back of the entry, please print the author's name, address, and age category:
  - students: grades 7-12
  - adults: age 19 and up
4. Entries must be received in the Library by 9 pm, Mon., April 6.

Winners of the contest will be announced April 13, 2009.

## Get Hooked:

### Victorian Valentines

Sat., Jan. 24, 10-11:30 am

Art educator and historian

Susan Chemler will discuss the history of Valentine's Day and demonstrate how to make your own old-fashioned Valentines.

Age 13 and up; limited to 20.

Registration is required; please call 847-929-5101.



### Origami

Sat., Feb., 28, 10am - 11:30am

MGPL staff member Karina Guico will teach you the basic techniques of origami, the ancient Japanese art of paper folding, and walk you through instructions on how to make an origami box, heart, and iris. Limited to 20; adults and teens age 13 and up. Registration required: call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.