



38th Annual Seminar: *PARSIFAL*

Sunday, February 18, 2018, 12:00 noon–5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph’s School, 420 East 87th Street, New York (east of 1st Ave.)

“One of the finest monuments in sound ever to have been raised to the everlasting glory of music.”—Claude Debussy on *Parsifal*.

Featuring Distinguished Scholars and Met Cast Roundtable

- 12:00–12:05 Introduction: **F. Peter Phillips**, Moderator
Manager, “The Wagner Blog”
- 12:05–12:50 “Grail vs. Anti-Grail: Drama and Music in *Parsifal*”
William Kinderman, Ph.D., Professor of Musicology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 1:05–1:55 Roundtable Discussion with *Parsifal* Met cast members, hosted by Moderator
- 2:15–3:00 “Carving Out Space in *Parsifal*: Creative Staging and Design Solutions”
Katherine Syer, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theatre Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 3:15–4:00 “Uncomprehending the Comprehensible, or How a Serving Dish Became the Grail”
Sarah Kay, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of French Literature, Thought and Culture, New York University
- 4:15–5:00 “The Music of *Parsifal*: a Mixture, a Summation, or a Culmination?”
Jeffrey Swann, Ph.D., Concert Pianist and Professor, New York University

(Schedule subject to change)

Books/Videos Prof. Kinderman’s acclaimed book *Wagner’s Parsifal*, now in paperback, will be available at a special seminar price of \$20.00 (“An enormously enlightening book...” *Wagner Notes*). Other Wagner titles and *Parsifal* videos will also be available, before the Seminar and during the breaks. Attendees receive discounts on all items.

Reservations Advance paid reservations are advisable. Pick up tickets at the door. Check in: from 11:30. Use secure online form or detach form below and mail with payment to: Wagner Society of New York, P.O. Box 230949, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023–0949. Phone: 212/749–4561 Email: wagnerring@aol.com www.wagnersocietyny.org

Fees See below. Use the secure online form on website (preferred) or use the form below. Reduced fee for **current** members and students. Join or renew **now** and benefit from the member fee.* Beverages and snacks are included.

The Society accepts payments for membership and events by secure online form (see website) or check or credit card.

Upcoming: Jan. 28 (Sun.), 3:00 pm: Vocal Showcase: *Parsifal*, with talk: Leah Crowne, Mauricio Trejo, and John Dominick III (Society grantees). Joint event with Met Opera Guild. WSNY members may obtain the MOG member price: call 212-769-7028.

March 21 (Wed.), 7:30 pm: Prof. Thomas S. Grey: “The Ring as Eco-Parable.”

March 18 (Sun.), 2:00 pm: Paul Taylor Dance Company, group sale: “Roses” set to “Siegfried Idyll” and other dances; details to come, or email now: wagnerring@aol.com. April and May events: TBA.

Also note: Met performances of *Parsifal*: Feb. 5, 10 (eve.), 13, 17 (mat. and radio broadcast), 20, 23, and 27.

Met Opera Guild lecture on *Parsifal*, John J. H. Muller: Feb. 5 (Mon.), 4:30–5:30 p.m.



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TO ORDER: Check and indicate number of reservations in each category. Tickets: please pick up at door (not mailed).

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\$70–Regular \$100–Dual \$35–Full time Student \$45–Senior (65+)

\$45–Non-resident (100+miles from NYC) \$85–Foreign & Canadian (Air Mail)

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