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Thursday, August 3, 2006

Weston resident to perform in opera

NATICK - Opera del West will offer its inaugural performance at The Center for Arts in Natick, 14 Summer St., on Sunday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m., featuring staged and semi-staged selections from some of opera's most beloved works.

The award-winning cast features talented young artists from Boston and MetroWest, including Weston's Alex Lawrence (baritone), just back from the Cedar Rapids Summer Young Artist Program.

The concert will feature scenes from Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro," Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" and Strauss's "Die Fledermaus," among others. All works will be performed in original languages with English supertitles.

Opera del West is a new opera program bringing professional opera to MetroWest Boston under the music direction of Wayland's Eve Budnick and the stage direction of Rebecca Grimes of Northborough.

Budnick is opera coach and vocal diction instructor at the University of Connecticut and a staff pianist and vocal coach at Boston University. She is also the lyric diction instructor for the New England Conservatory Continuing Education Department and has been a lecturer at Northeastern University.

Admission is \$16. For more information call 508-647-0097, ext. 201.

Resident performing in annual boat festival

SALEM - Lorrie Carmichael of Wayland and her Squirrel Hill Olde Tyme Band will be performing at the 24th annual Antique & Classic Boat Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19 and 20, at the Hawthorne Cove Marina, 10 White St., Salem.

This is a rare chance to see vintage motor yachts and sailboats of all kinds from elegant mahogany runabouts and cabin cruisers from the 1920s to '40s to sloops, sharpies, yawls and schooners. Meet skippers and crews and vote for your favorite boat!

A crafts market, artists, old time band music, swing dancing, a parade and a "Blessing of the Fleet" all add to this colorful event.

Admission is a \$5 donation. Children 12 and under are free. The festival will take place from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information call 617-422-1703.

Residents finish first at bridge tournament

WAYLAND - Jack and Alison Langsdorf of Wayland recently finished first at the Eastern Mass. Bridge Association (EMBA) Sectional tournament. They won the 199ers Pairs event at the Memorial Sectional held in Watertown.

EMBA's next tournament will be at the Armenian Cultural Center, 47 Nichols Ave., Watertown, on Aug. 18 to 20, beginning on Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Other sessions are Aug. 19 at 1 and 7 p.m. and Aug. 20 at 10:30 a.m. Players will compete at all levels. Games last about three-and-a-half hours, and players may compete in one or more events for trophies and other prizes.

For more information call Peter and Grace Lombardo at 781-438-6754.







Brennan artwork on display at Emerson

WAYLAND - Patients and visitors at Emerson Hospital in Concord can view local talent in the current exhibition of paintings and photography in the hospital's main hallway.

Elizabeth Brennan, a Wayland resident, is exhibiting oil and watercolor paintings. A member of the Copley Society of Art, Brennan graduated from Regis College with one of the first concentrations in art. She studied Japanese art at the DeCordova Museum and took private lessons for 25 years, where she developed skills in oil reproductions and watercolors, and she studied techniques in gold leaf, free-hand bronzing and stenciling. She taught private lessons in decorative oil painting for 15 years and led art classes in grades K to 8 at St. Joseph's School in Belmont.






Visitors to the hospital may purchase this artwork, and 25 percent of the sale price goes to the hospital. Volunteers with the Emerson Hospital Auxiliary are the curators. For information on purchasing any of this artwork, contact Leah White at 978-287-3084.

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