## Adventures in Italian Opera is Back at Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò



World's foremost opera experts Fred Plotkin resumes his series, Adventures in Italian Opera, where he sits down with a multitude of esteemed guests from the opera world.

Fred Plotkin is one of the world's foremost opera experts best known not only for his depth of knowledge, but also for the joy with which he shares it. It is with open arms that he returns to Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò at New York University for another season of his hugely popular series, Adventures in Italian Opera.

Since 1972, Plotkin has worked in opera doing everything but singing, including management, production, design, coaching, and broadcasting. He has lectured, taught, consulted and held managerial and artistic roles at some of the top opera companies, including La Scala, the Metropolitan Opera, the Royal Opera House, and the Lyric Opera of Chicago

Through Adventures in Italian Opera, Plotkin will host a sequence of captivating interviews and discussions with an impressive range of guests at Casa Italiana once a month from October – May. All events begin at 6:30pm and are free and open to the general public. The events will also be streamed live on the website.

On September 27, he will open this year with conductor Nicola Luisotti on the occasion of his presence on the podium of The Metropolitan Opera, leading performances of Verdi's Aida, Rigoletto,

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and La Traviata

Announcing the 2018/2019 calendar of

Adventures in Italian Opera with Fred Plotkin

The following events take place at Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò and begin at 6:30pm

Thursday, September 27, 2018 A Conversation with conductor Nicola Luisotti

Thursday, November 1, 2018 A Conversation with baritone Sherrill Milnes

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 A Conversation with tenor Michael Fabiano

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 A Conversation with soprano Nadine Sierra

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 A Conversation with soprano Jamie Barton

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 A Conversation with soprano and coach Loretta Di Franco

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The programs of <u>Casa Italiana</u> [3]deal with literature, cinema, music and political and social reflection, all topics upon which Italy has for centuries founded its reputation and international prestige. On the other hand, in seeking to link the discourse on modernity to that of tradition, Casa has demonstrated itself to be open to the discussion of economic, ethical and juridical themes. Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò, with the diversity and meaningfulness of its cultural programs, houses and involves itself with prominent Italian artists, scholars and politicians, whose presence constantly engages new points of discussion, opening and encouraging dialog with Americans on Italian life and culture.

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