

NO SILVER BELLS?



YOU can keep the music playing, keep the singers singing, and the children learning.

St. Petersburg Opera Guild's major fundraiser is "Silver Bells," historically held at the beginning of December. This year, the COVID-19 crisis makes it impossible for us to have a luncheon and live performances.

**YOU can help replace revenue lost from canceling Silver Bells.
YOU can continue supporting music education, opera and artists.
YOU can make it all happen!**



WHO WE ARE

In 1964, the Guild was formed as the Service Guild of the St. Petersburg Civic Opera Guild, Inc., a charitable and educational organization. In 1965, the Guild sponsored its first major fundraising event which became the Silver Bells Luncheon, an eagerly awaited event of the social season.

The first vocal competition was held in 1970, for Pinellas County high school students, with modest scholarships awarded to the winners. Substantial increases in prize monies, made possible by growing support from the Guild members and the general public, have enabled many aspiring young artists to continue their vocal studies leading to professional careers in opera and musical theater.

In early 2015, the Guild officially changed its name to St. Petersburg Opera Guild, Inc. to reflect its support of the St. Petersburg Opera Co. and its educational programs. The Guild continues to maintain vocal competitions for young singers from Florida, and is increasingly involved in education programs for younger students.

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