



The Metropolitan Opera

The Barber of Seville!

Saturday, April 19

Please note there will be two pickup and drop off sites:

- From the Springfield Museums' State Street parking lot and
- From the former Macy's Department Store commuter parking lot, Enfield, CT.

Please let us know in which lot you will be:

State Street parking lot, Springfield

7:15 am - Arrive at the Springfield Museums' State Street parking lot located directly across the street from the Springfield Main Library. Please park in the lot and board the bus.

7:30 am sharp - Depart for pickup at the Commuter lot, Enfield.

Commuter lot, former Macy's Dept Store, Enfield, CT:

7:35 am - Park in the designated location for Commuter parking near the small kiosk.

7:45 am sharp - Departure.

12:15 pm – Estimated arrival at the Metropolitan Opera, New York. Enjoy orchestra seating in Gioachino Rossini's effervescent comedy as the Barber of Seville retakes the Metropolitan Opera stage in Bartlett Sher's madcap production. Count Almaviva comes in disguise as a poor student named Lindoro to the house of Dr. Bartolo and serenades Rosina, whom Bartolo keeps confined to the house. Figaro the barber, who knows all the town's secrets and scandals, explains to Almaviva that Rosina is Bartolo's ward, not his daughter, and that the doctor intends to marry her. Figaro devises a plan: The Count will disguise himself as a drunken soldier with orders to be quartered at Bartolo's house, so that he may gain access to Rosina. Almaviva is excited, and Figaro looks forward to a nice cash pay-off.

Isabel Leonard headlines a winning ensemble as the feisty heroine, Rosina, alongside tenor Lawrence Brownlee as her secret beloved, Count Almaviva. Baritone Davide Luciano stars as Figaro, the infamous barber of Seville, with baritone Nicola Alaimo as Dr. Bartolo and bass Alexander Vinogradov as Don Basilio rounding out the principal cast. Giacomo Sagripanti conducts.

En route, Walter Carroll will provide an enlightening lecture on the music and artistry of this popular opera.

A boxed lunch before the performance is included. Menu will be announced.

4:15 pm – Depart for return to Springfield with one rest stop. Estimated return by **8 pm**.

What to bring: Snack and a drink for the bus. Please dress in layers as temperatures on the bus and in Lincoln Center may vary. Bottled water is provided on the return to Springfield.

Cost: \$229, Members, \$270, nonmembers; includes orchestra balance seats, boxed lunch, bus travel and driver tip.