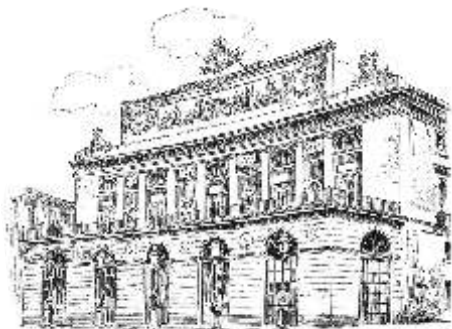


Music in Madrid in December

Kindly submitted by Barbara McShane of Scherzo magazine



Teatro Real, Plaza de Oriente, s/n
(Metro: Opera)

In addition to the Real's regular opera season, which will feature Richard Wagner's *Siegfried* in a co-production of the Teatro Real and the Sächsische Staatsoper Dresden Semperoper during most of December, the theater will also be offering special Christmas fare for the general public:

For adults: *El Dúo de la Africana*, a one-act comic zarzuela, music by Manuel Fernandez Caballero and libretto by Miguel Echegaray. Jesús Lopez Cobos conducts.

Dec 30, at 8 pm, Dec 31, at 5 pm. Tickets go on sale at the Teatro Real box office on December 3.



The children's series *Opera en familia* will offer W.A. Mozart's *Bastien und Bastienne*, performed in the original German with surtitles in Spanish. Emilio Sagi, the stage director, is presenting an

imaginative version of this *singspiel* in which the young audience is asked to participate.

Dec 9, 10, 12 and 13, at 8 pm, and Dec 11 and 14 matinees at twelve. Tickets are now on sale at the Teatro Real box office. For more information call: 91-516-0606, to reserve tickets by phone: 902-244-848, or check web page: www.teatro-real.com.

Auditorio Nacional de Música,
Príncipe de Vergara, 146, (Metro:
Cruz del Rayo):

Both halls, symphonic and chamber music, offer concerts and recitals at 7:30 pm and at 10:30 pm, although the time schedule can vary. The Auditorium is closed to the public on Mondays. For the month's program and other information see web page:

www.auditorionacional.mcu.es. A word of warning, some of the concerts that appear in the program are private and tickets are not always available. Activities for children such as attending a rehearsal are usually planned through the schools.

For adults: special concert: Harry Christophers and The Sixteen, G.F. Haendel: *The Messiah*, Symphonic Hall, Dec 11, at 7:30 pm. Tickets available at the Auditorio's box office (/chamber hall /stage door entrance) or call:902-332-211. For more information about this concert, call: 91-403-9030.



Teatro de la Zarzuela, Jovellanos 4,
(Metro: Banco de España)

For children the Zarzuela is staging *Los Sobrinos del Capitán Grant*, a humorous zarzuela based on Jules Verne's book, *The Children of Captain Grant*. Four acts with 18 scene changes full of antics and action, one has an earthquake! Although the language is Spanish, it's visually easy for children to understand. Moreover, the program offers synopses in English and French. Paco Mir of the Catalán comedy group El Tricicle is in charge of this hilarious production. Almost daily from Dec 11 to Jan 11. Performance time varies, Sundays are always at 6 pm, most other days at 8 pm. Best to check their web page:

<http://teatrodelaZarzuela.mcu.es>. Tickets on sale at Teatro de la Zarzuela box office, or call 902-332-211 to reserve.

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Madrid Fast Fact

A herd of 1,500 merino sheep stopped traffic last month as they crossed the streets of Madrid, walking from La Puerta del Sol to La Puerta de Alcalá, an ancient cattle trail, after a month's journey from the north of Spain on their way home to Extremadura. The sheep, four herders, nine dogs and four horses spent the night of November 15 in the Casa Del Campo before setting out the next day across the capital, *El Pais* reported on November 16 and 17. For the past 10 years, the migration has taken place to conserve Spain's ancient livestock and cattle trails and defend an 8,000-year-old practice.

