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Joseph G. Astman International Concert
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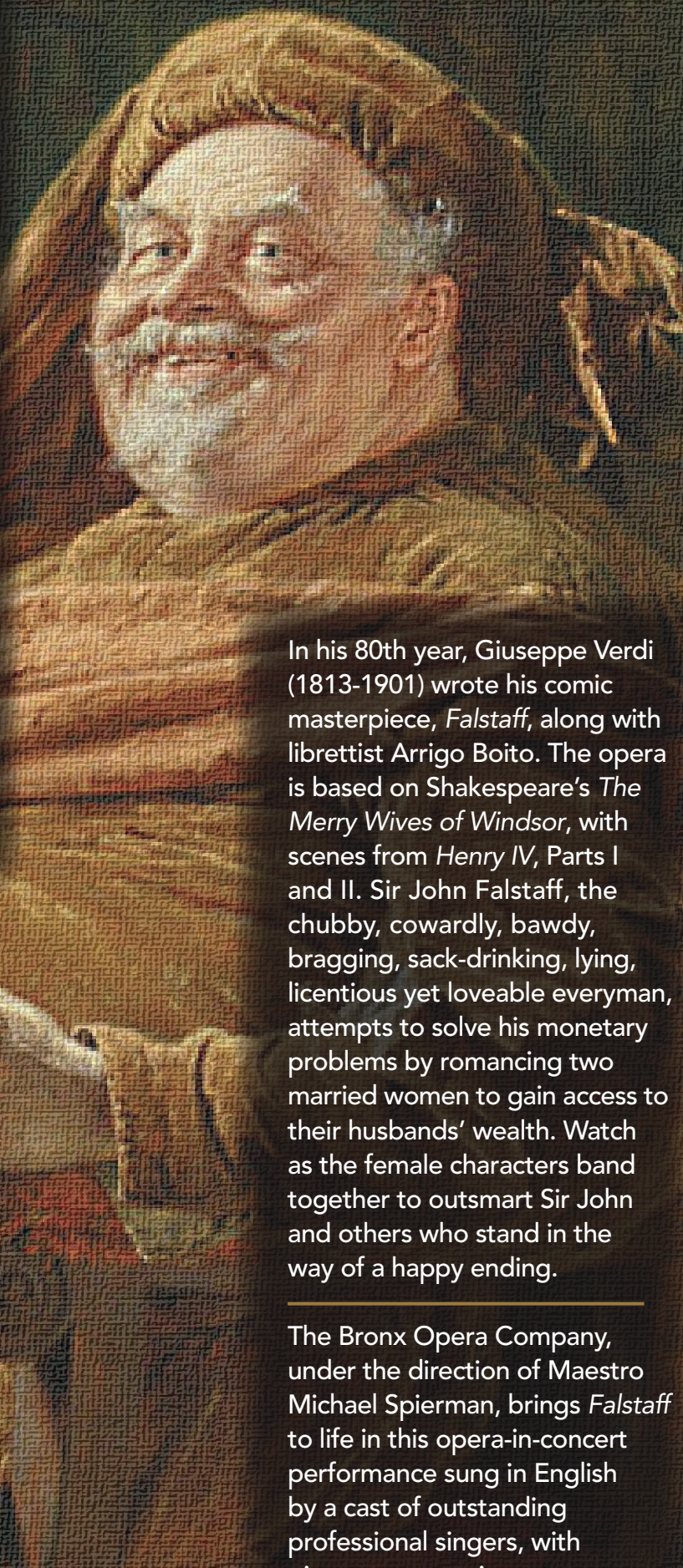
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In his 80th year, Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901) wrote his comic masterpiece, *Falstaff*, along with librettist Arrigo Boito. The opera is based on Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, with scenes from *Henry IV*, Parts I and II. Sir John Falstaff, the chubby, cowardly, bawdy, bragging, sack-drinking, lying, licentious yet loveable everyman, attempts to solve his monetary problems by romancing two married women to gain access to their husbands' wealth. Watch as the female characters band together to outsmart Sir John and others who stand in the way of a happy ending.

The Bronx Opera Company, under the direction of Maestro Michael Spierman, brings *Falstaff* to life in this opera-in-concert performance sung in English by a cast of outstanding professional singers, with piano accompaniment.

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
NO RESERVATION OR TICKET IS REQUIRED.

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Shakespearean Player, Teacher and Director
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Charles E. Gerber is a 45-year veteran of theater, film, television, radio, and now webisodes. He presents a new assemblage of scenes from Shakespeare to expose how today, more than ever, Shakespeare's wit holds "the mirror up to nature"!

FAKE NEWS:
(enter RUMOR, painted full of tongues).
Open your ears, for which of you will stop the vent of hearing when loud Rumor speaks? ...
Upon my tongues continual slanders ride,
The which is every language I pronounce,
Stuffing the ears of men with False Reports."
(Prologue, *HENRY IV*, Part II)

GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION:
"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark."
(*HAMLET*, I, iv)
"I wasted time, and now doth Time waste me."
(*RICHARD II*, V, v)

MILITARY MIGHT:
"What is honor? A word.
What is that word "honor"?
Air. A trim reckoning." (*HENRY IV*, Part I, V, i)

Let us explore his prescient vision together, and what augmenting of our own perspective that can occur when we listen "with an attent ear ... this marvel to you ... For God's love, let me hear!" (*HAMLET*, I, ii)

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