

Personal Reflection – February 16, 2024

***The Opera is Divine***

*I watched Verdi's La Traviata recently. The Metropolitan Opera offers 150 operas with a subscription to Met On Demand. This was a 2022 performance starring Nadine Sierra.*

*Opera is a complex beauty: music for an orchestra of 100 musicians, a story with a script that fits the music, a chorus of over a hundred, scenes staging the story, lighting enhancing the story, acting from the singers and sometimes the chorus, costumes and make-up and hair arrangement! All this under the command of one person: the conductor of the orchestra. The conductor controls the entire complex beauty.*

*Listen to an opera or watch it if you can. While I admire the commanding conductor, I recognize that no human being can sit down and write such music. No men and women can play such music together or sing it, acting out their roles as they sing. No!*

*The Composer and Creator who inspires such concerted beauty is Divine. It shows in any opera. Watch and listen. You'll see.*

*--by Jane Vella*