



The Johann Strauss Family - Their History and Music

Presented by: David Bisno

*Wednesdays
March 29 & April 5, 2017*

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Valle Verde Theater

900 Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara

Two generations of Viennese produced some of the most memorable music of the 19th century — hundreds of instantly recognizable, enduring melodies enjoyed in marble palaces and wine bars of the Viennese woods. This was a talented family but riven with tension, feuds, and jealousy, living in a city that was desperate but not serious, in a country sparkling with talent but unraveling between vineyard and Danube. What appeared to be a bright future in Vienna proved to be a setting sun. Through the personal and political chaos, the Strauss family composed hundreds of compositions to which the Viennese — anxious to forget their troubles — danced, drank, and dallied as they and their country hurtled towards the First World War, and oblivion.

The two week course:

I. Appreciating The Johann Strauss Family — Why we love them today: A multi-media PRESENTATION of their history, music and dance... listen to what they wrote and learn how they lived, loved, and languished, all in three-quarter time. Dr. Bisno will weave the Strauss family story of success, sex, scandal, and tragedy with the music that everyone loved then and loves now. From the Blue Danube Waltz to the Tritsch-Tratsch Polka, from the Radetzky March to quadrilles, mazurkas, and Die Fledermaus Operetta, you will be swept away with the beauty and tragedy of this family and their three-quarter-time music.

II. Understanding the Johann Strauss Family — An analytical look back: A DISCUSSION of who the father and his three sons were, what kind of men were these composers and how do we understand them... their sex, their betrayals, their society, Viennese hypocrisy? What is their lasting legacy, the Nazi treatment of the family notwithstanding. Is there anything in their story from which we can learn lessons for today?



BIOGRAPHY: Dr. David Bisno, a retired ophthalmologist with degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth, and the Washington University School of Medicine, has been leading discussion groups on a myriad of topics within institutes for lifelong learning in this country and overseas for 24 years. With his wife, Fay, in 1998, he was a founder of VISTAS. Returning to Santa Barbara from New England each year, with a particular interest in Vienna, David continues to attract our attention.



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	3rd Wed Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
Western Medicine Study Grp	1st Friday Feb - July	10:00 am	Private Home
So.Africa Under Apartheid	Thurs, Jan 26	1:30 pm	Trinity Luthern- Social Room
Hollywood Musicals	Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Bible Translations	Wed, Feb 8	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Grandchildren Learning	Mon, Feb 13, 20 & 27	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Nikola Tesla	Wed, Feb 22 & Mar 1	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Short Story Seminar	Wed, Mar 1, 8, 15, & 22	1:30 pm	Private Home
Lewis Carroll	Mon, Mar 6 & 13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Strauss by Bisno	Wed, Mar 29 & Apr 5	9:30 am	Valle Verde Theater
Symphony Orchestra	Wed, Apr 12, 19, & 26	TBD	TBD
Rural New England 1830's	Thurs, May 4	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room

Enrollment Form: *Strauss* - March 29 & April 5, 2017
 VISTAS Members \$25 - Nonmembers \$37.50

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Name(s): _____

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