



## Theodore Lambrinos

March 29, 2021

Theodore Lambrinos, a Greek-American baritone who sang over 50 major roles with the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and with opera companies throughout the United States and internationally, passed away on March 29, 2021 in his hometown of Brooklyn, NY at the age of 85, from complications related to COVID-19. A loving father and family man, he is survived by his wife Hallie Neill Lambrinos, daughter Kari Lambrinos, son Ted Lambrinos and his wife Marissa, grandsons Alexander and Nicholas Lambrinos, and sister Clara Paul and her husband Nick Paul. He is predeceased by his first wife of 31 years, Parthena Lambrinos.

Theodore had a powerful voice and compelling stage presence, and was known as one of the finest Verdi baritones in the world. Early in his career, Theodore won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Audition in 1965, awarded to promising young opera singers. He toured as a soloist with the famed Russian Don Cossack Chorus throughout the US and Canada and appeared in musicals On and Off-Broadway and in Summer Stock. He made his debut at the Met in 1968 as the Herald in Wagner's Lohengrin.

During his career, Theodore performed in hundreds of productions such as Rigoletto, Nabucco, Il Trovatore, Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci, Aida and Tosca throughout Europe and the US, including with Domingo, Fleming, Zajick, and Corelli. He also sang for many dignitaries during his tours,

including Indira Gandhi in India and Queen Sirikit in Thailand. He starred in Verdi's Rigoletto for the first-ever performance of opera in Hanoi, Vietnam, and created the role of Carlo Tresca in the world premiere of Anton Coppola's Sacco and Vanzetti.

His parents immigrated from Greece and settled in Brooklyn, NY. Growing up in Brooklyn, Theodore was voted President of his class at Erasmus High School, and frequently spoke of his love for Coney Island and attending Dodgers games at Ebbets Field.

Theodore also had a passion for classical Greek music. He produced and sang in the Musical Salute to the Hellenic Spirit concert at Avery Fisher Hall, which provided young Greek singers the opportunity to perform. He frequently sang in Greek Orthodox churches, and released the album Theodore Lambrinos Sings Hellenic Songs. He also sang as a soloist on the album YA'SSOO! Sing-Along in Greek with Demetrios Pappas and The Amphion Choir.

Later in his career, Theodore returned to his Broadway roots, and released an album of musical songs I Feel a Song Comin' On. In recent years, he maintained an active voice studio in New York City, teaching his singing technique which sustained his 60-year career right through to his last performance at age 83.

A memorial mass will be offered on Friday, April 16 at 11:30 am, at the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral St. John The Theologian, 353 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey. The service will also be available via live streaming on the church's website at: <http://stjohntenafly.org/> Interment at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations are asked to be made to the ALS Association, a

non-profit that funds global ALS research, and provides care services and programs that serve people living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Donations can be made at: <https://www.als.org/donate>

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **16**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John The Theologian Greek Orthodox Church  
353 E Clinton Ave  
Tenafly, NJ 07670

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *When I sang with Nevada Opera from 1975-2009 Ted would perform various roles. He was so fun and a wonderful singer!!*

Mary Anna Replogle - January 23, 2025 at 06:33 PM

UB

“ *My dearest friend and teacher we did rigoletto.u were the most fantastic rigoletto.i was monterone early stages of my carriere .tresuring your advises u are a great loss .my love forever to you..ulysses borgia*

Ulysses borgia - April 16, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Theodore Lambrinos.*



April 15, 2021 at 09:48 AM

AF

“ I met Ted years ago, probably the late 80's and he was a joy to work with on tour. No matter how tired, how little sleep and what tantrums and tribulations we encountered on tours around the world, Ted would get up on stage - open his mouth and the most glorious baritone filled your ears. He was truly an instrument of song.



As a colleague, he smoothed the waters of temperament and created flow. When Ted sang, he was inspired by all the gods and he truly lifted us up. No one is more perfectly suited to join the heavenly choir - no, let me correct that - he's a soloist.

Radhadlakum from Kismet was a complete blast performing with him, we brought down the house! Thank you darling Ted for the joy, the laughter, the song and being exquisitely and perfectly, Ted.

I miss you, but there is no end, just dropping a well-worn coat. We'll meet again, my friend.

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**Adria Firestone** - April 15, 2021 at 09:32 AM

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“ from your sister Clara & family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Theodore Lambrinos.



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**from your sister Clara & family** - April 14, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore Lambrinos.*



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April 14, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Theodore Lambrinos.*



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April 14, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *What beautiful and happy memories I have of Ted and Hallie's wedding, and of getting acquainted with him when they visited us in Omaha. He was as lovely as a person as he was magnificent as a singer. I feel privileged to have known him a little, and am so sad for Hallie and all who love him. We are among the many praying for them. Karen*

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**Karen Johnson** - April 14, 2021 at 02:03 AM