

**New Summer
Course!**

**THE ANN ARBOR SUMMER OPERA
FILM FESTIVAL 2011: An Audience-Friendly Wagner's *Ring Cycle***

The course's objective is to facilitate appreciation of specific operatic themes. The format is presentation and discussion of opera performance (DVD), related feature and documentary films, and guest lectures within an informal classroom atmosphere. Presentation time for each segment (2-3 hours) is designed to ensure a relaxed environment for examination of subject matter and participation in group discussion.

Many regard Wagner's *Ring Cycle* as one of history's greatest artistic accomplishments. Its four sequential operas include *Das Rheingold*, *Die Walkure*, *Siegfried*, and *Gotterdammerung*. Our program emphasizes the music's awesome beauty and also highlights analysis of the composer's music and character.

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- Meeting Times:** 2 consecutive weeks, Monday through Friday, 7:00p
(August 1-5 and 8-12)
- Fee:** \$10
- Prerequisites:** **prior observation of DVD**, *Wagner: The Complete Epic* (Richard Burton, Vanessa Redgrave, Sir Lawrence Olivier; Directed by Tony Palmer; London Philharmonic Orchestra & Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra & Budapest Symphony Orchestra, Sir Georg Solti; 8 hrs; Kultur, 1983 / 2005)
- Questions?** 734-998-9351 (OLLI office)