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## 2023 FALL SEASON



### THE MUSIC OF GIACOMO PUCCINI

**November 10 and 12, 2023**

Enjoy some familiar and not so familiar arias and scenes from operas by Giacomo Puccini. This concert will feature Sarasota Opera artists Hanna Brammer, Erica Petrocelli, Rafael Dávila, Christopher Oglesby, and Jean Carlos Rodriguez, with the Sarasota Orchestra, conducted by Victor DeRenzi.



### THE LITTLE SWEEP

Music by Benjamin Britten, libretto by Eric Crozier  
A Sarasota Youth Opera Production

**November 4 and 5, 2023**

Sarasota Youth Opera will present a revival of our acclaimed production of Britten's charming opera—*The Little Sweep*. A group of children, with the help of a kind nursery maid, work to free a young chimney sweep apprentice from his cruel master. Last seen in 2018, this enchanting work, which was written to introduce young people to opera, will be sure to delight children and adults alike.



## CARMEN

Music by Georges Bizet,  
libretto by Henri Meilhac and Ludovic Halévy

**February 17 – March 22, 2024**

Carmen, the seductive and enigmatic heroine of Bizet's opera, has enticed Corporal Don José who upends his life to be with her. When her interest turns to the charismatic bullfighter Escamillo, José's jealousy leads to catastrophe. Opera-lovers and newcomers alike will bask in some of opera's most recognizable music!

## LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR

Music by Gaetano Donizetti,  
libretto by Salvatore Cammarano

**February 24 - March 23, 2024**

Deceit leads to murder and madness in Donizetti's masterpiece, based on Sir Walter Scott's *The Bride of Lammermoor*. To save his family's fortunes, Enrico Ashton has promised his sister Lucia's hand to a Scottish nobleman, instead of Edgardo, the man she loves and a member of a rival family. The ensuing drama is excitingly captured in Donizetti's beautifully romantic music, with many well-known operatic highlights including Lucia's famous mad scene.



*All operas are performed in the original language with real-time English translations above the stage.  
Opera performances take place in The William E. Schmidt Opera Theatre of the Sarasota Opera House.*

## CONCERTS

### APPRENTICE & STUDIO ARTISTS CONCERTS

The Lee & Bob Peterson Great Room • Tickets: \$10

Hear our Apprentice and Studio Artists perform timeless operatic arias, duets, and ensembles.

### APPRENTICE ARTISTS AT NOON

March 15, 2024 at 12 pm • March 21, 2024 at 12 pm

### COVERS AT 3

March 21, 2024 at 3 pm

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

### SARASOTA OPERA FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

Sarasota Opera House

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Tickets: \$75 in advance/\$85 at the door

### CURTAIN RAISER DINNER

Sarasota Yacht Club

Sunday, November 5, 2023 • Tickets: \$215 per person

## THE OPERA GALA: A MASKED BALL

Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota

Saturday, February 3, 2024 • Tickets: \$1,250, \$750 or \$350 per person

## SALUTE TO THE STARS AWARDS LUNCHEON

Sarasota Yacht Club

Friday, March 22, 2024 • Tickets: \$85 per person / \$150 Patron Ticket (with preferred seating)

NOTE: Information about these and other events during the season are available at [SarasotaOpera.org/Events](https://SarasotaOpera.org/Events).

## SPECIAL PACKAGES

**TOWN CLUB** (Tuesday Opera Women's Network)

*Carmen* - February 20, 2024

*Lucia di Lammermoor* - February 27, 2024

*Luisa Miller* - March 12, 2024

*Deceit Outwitted (L'infedeltà delusa)* - March 19, 2024

We invite you to the 6th season of TOWN Club. Join other women who love opera before each Tuesday subscription performance to mix and mingle and share their interest in learning about the art form. Additional \$25 membership fee.



# OPERA FESTIVAL



## LUISA MILLER

Music by Giuseppe Verdi,  
libretto by Salvatore Cammarano  
**March 9 - 24, 2024**

One of Giuseppe Verdi's lesser performed but passionately romantic dramas, *Luisa Miller* returns to Sarasota Opera after 25 years. Luisa, the daughter of an old soldier, is in love with Carlo, who is really Rodolfo, the son of the ruthless Count Walter. The count's opposition to the couple's love leads to tragedy, in an opera filled with memorable arias and thrilling ensembles.

## DECEIT OUTWITTED (*L'infedeltà delusa*)

Music by Joseph Haydn, libretto by Marco Coltellini  
**March 15 - 23, 2024**

Joseph Haydn is one of classical music's most famous composers, but his operas are virtually unknown. In the delightful comedy, *Deceit Outwitted* (*L'infedeltà delusa*), the peasant, Filippo hopes his daughter Sandrina will marry the rich farmer Nencio instead of the poor peasant with whom she is in love. Through a series of comic complications (including a parade of disguises), all is happily resolved, accompanied by Haydn's inventive score and brilliant singing. This will be a Sarasota Opera premiere.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>						
			1	2	3	4 <i>The Little Sweep</i> 5:00 PM
5 <i>The Little Sweep</i> 12:30 PM Curtain Raiser Dinner* 6:00 PM	6	7	8	9	10 <i>The Music of Giacomo Puccini</i> 7:30 PM	11
12 <i>The Music of Giacomo Puccini</i> 3:00 PM	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>*Held at Sarasota Yacht Club</i>

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>						
The Opera Gala* February 3 - 5:30 PM		13	14	15	16	17 <i>Carmen</i> 7:30 PM
18	19	20 <i>Carmen</i> 7:30 PM	21	22 <i>Carmen</i> 7:30 PM	23	24 <i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i> 7:30 PM
25 <i>Carmen</i> 1:30 PM	26	27 <i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i> 7:30 PM	28 <i>Carmen</i> 7:30 PM	29 <i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i> 7:30 PM	30	
<b>MARCH 2024</b>						
					1	2 <i>Carmen</i> 1:30 PM
3 <i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i> 1:30 PM	4	5 <i>Carmen</i> 7:30 PM	6 <i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i> 7:30 PM	7	8 <i>Carmen</i> 7:30 PM	9 <i>Luisa Miller</i> 7:30 PM
10 <i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i> 1:30 PM	11	12 <i>Luisa Miller</i> 7:30 PM	13 <i>Carmen</i> 7:30 PM	14 <i>Luisa Miller</i> 7:30 PM	15 Apprentice Artists at Noon 12:00 PM <i>Deceit Outwitted</i> 7:30 PM	16 <i>Luisa Miller</i> 1:30 PM <i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i> 7:30 PM
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24 <i>Luisa Miller</i> 1:30 PM	25	26	<b>Opera Lovers Weeks are March 13-24.</b> See all 4 Winter Opera Festival productions in as few as 3 days. <i>*Held at Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota **Held at Sarasota Yacht Club</i>			