



**THE SARASOTA OPERA GALA: CELEBRATING MAESTRO DERENZI'S 40<sup>TH</sup> SEASON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022**

**HOW TO ORDER & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Below is information you might find helpful as you consider attending this special event celebrating the work of Maestro DeRenzi. If your questions are not answered below, please feel free to email [soaevents@sarasotaopera.org](mailto:soaevents@sarasotaopera.org) or call (941) 366-8450, ext. 402 for assistance.

**HOW & WHEN TO ORDER TICKETS:**

Between October 1, 2021 and February 28, 2022:

**Maestro's Circle Sponsor Tables or Maestro's Circle Sponsor Tickets** are available only by phone and until December 31, 2021. Please call Corporate and Special Events Officer Michael Ayres at (941) 366-8450, ext. 402. Guests who make their Maestro's Circle reservations by October 31, 2021 will be recognized on the event invitation.

To reserve **Verdi Circle and Puccini Circle Tables or Tickets**, call Special Events Officer Michael Ayres at (941) 366-8450, ext. 402 or email [soaevents@sarasotaopera.org](mailto:soaevents@sarasotaopera.org). After November 25, 2021 you can also simply send in your RSVP card from your invitation.

Starting January 2, 2022:

To purchase a **Grand Reception & Jubilee Concert Ticket**, or a **Jubilee Concert Ticket** only, you can call the Sarasota Opera Box Office or visit [SarasotaOpera.org](http://SarasotaOpera.org). Grand Reception & Jubilee Concert Tickets are available until March 13, 2022. Jubilee Concert Tickets are available until sold out or curtain time.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

Q: When can I purchase tickets and tables?

- **Maestro's Circle Sponsor Tables and Sponsor Tickets** from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 by calling the special events office.
- **Verdi Circle and Puccini Circle Tables and Tickets** between November 1, 2021 and February 28, 2022 by calling the special events office, emailing [soaevents@sarasotaopera.org](mailto:soaevents@sarasotaopera.org), or returning an RSVP card from your invitation.
- **Grand Reception & Jubilee Concert tickets** between January 2, 2022 and March 13, 2022 by calling the Sarasota Opera Box Office or visiting [sarasotaopera.org](http://sarasotaopera.org).
- **Jubilee Concert only tickets** between January 2, 2022 and March 26, 2022 by calling the Sarasota Opera Box Office or visiting [sarasotaopera.org](http://sarasotaopera.org).

Q: When will I receive my invitation?

- Invitations will be mailed to past gala attendees and donors giving at the Regent level and higher in mid-November and should arrive in mailboxes just after Thanksgiving.
- You can request an invitation by emailing [soaevents@sarasotaopera.org](mailto:soaevents@sarasotaopera.org) by October 31.

Q: I purchased a table/ticket that includes my concert ticket. How do I select my seat?

- Once you purchase your table or ticket(s), Sarasota Opera Development staff will select seats for you in your designated section (premium, Prime, or Select). Unfortunately, we are unable to honor subscription seating for this special performance.
- [Click here to view a color-coded seating chart.](#)
- If you purchased a table or included table seating requests on your RSVP, we will seat your party together in the theater.
- We will do our best to honor theater seating requests within your section on a *first come, first served* basis.
- Seats in the reserved sections that are not occupied by March 1 will be released for sale to the general public.

Q: When will I receive my Jubilee Concert tickets?

- If you purchased a Maestro's Circle, Verdi Circle, or Puccini Circle Table or Ticket, you will receive your Jubilee Concert tickets at registration.
- If you purchased a Grand Reception & Jubilee Concert ticket or a Jubilee Concert only ticket, your tickets can either be mailed or printed at home just like a regular opera performance ticket.

Q: Can I use a donor advised fund (DAF) to purchase tickets to this event.

- Donors wishing to support Sarasota Opera through special events should be aware of the following: Event tickets and tables, as they have substantial fair market value, may not be purchased through a DAF or private family foundation. An exception to this is when the donor will not attend the event and the entire table or seat is to be donated back to Sarasota Opera.
- Event donations through your DAF are welcomed. Your event donations can be made through a DAF if the DAF has approved the donation/contribution. Contact your fund sponsoring organization to clarify any required language to recommend the grant.
- Under federal law governing donor advised funds, it is not permissible for donors to split or "bifurcate" payments for tables or tickets when a portion of the purchase is tax-deductible because you receive benefits or services. This means that donors may not recommend a grant through a DAF for the deductible portion of a table or ticket purchase and then pay the non-deductible portion from a personal source.
- Your DAF can support this event in the following ways:
  - If you would like to attend an event and make an additional contribution, you may pay the full price of admission (non-deductible and deductible portions) from a personal source outside your DAF. Then, you may recommend a grant for the additional contribution from your DAF. Sarasota Opera is pleased to recognize both your personal and DAF contributions separately in all event related materials.
  - If you purchase a table or tickets and donate them back to Sarasota Opera (and not attend the event), you may recommend a grant for the original contribution from your DAF, noting that the requested table or tickets shall be donated back to the organization or checking the "I will not attend" box on your RSVP form.