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## Sarasota Opera opens ticket sales at the Box Office

**Sarasota, FL** – Tickets are now on sale at the <u>Sarasota Opera Box Office</u> for the 2025/2026 season. As of Tuesday, September 2, tickets can be purchased in person at the Box Office, located at 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, via phone at 941 -328-1300, Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM, or online at sarasotaopera.org.

After a two-year hiatus, the company is bringing back its fall opera, which will be <u>Così fan tutte</u>, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, opening October 31, followed by Sarasota Youth Opera's production of Hans Krása's <u>Brundibár</u> November 8 and 9. The Winter Festival will open February 14, 2026 with Puccini's <u>La bohème</u> and continue with <u>The Merry Widow</u> by Franz Lehár, <u>Il trovatore</u> by Giuseppe Verdi, and <u>Susannah</u> by Carlisle Floyd. Floyd would have celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday along with the Opera House in 2026. His Of <u>Mice and Men</u>, presented in 2013, was the most recent American opera performed by the company. Multiple performances of all four productions run through March 29.

On April 11, 2026, the company will present a <u>commemorative concert and gala event</u> celebrating 100 years of the historic Sarasota Opera House. For more information on the <u>2025-2026 season</u> and <u>events</u>, visit SarasotaOpera.org, call 941-328-1300, or visit the Box Office at 61 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota.

## **About Sarasota Opera**

Sarasota Opera is entering its 67th season of bringing world-class opera to Florida's Gulf Coast and is celebrating 100 years of the historic Sarasota Opera House. The company was launched in 1960 in the historic 320-seat Asolo Theater on the grounds of Sarasota's Ringling Museum of Art. In 1984, the company moved into the former A.B. Edwards Theater — now the Sarasota Opera House. Since then, the company has gained an international reputation as one of the leading regional opera companies in the U.S. through initiatives such as the Masterworks Revival Series and the Verdi Cycle. The company's Sarasota Youth Opera is the most comprehensive youth opera program in the U.S. The Sarasota Opera House, which underwent a \$20 million renovation and rehabilitation in 2007, has been called "one of America's finest venues for opera" by Musical America. Since 1983, the company has been under the artistic leadership of Victor DeRenzi and the administrative leadership of General Director Richard Russell since 2012. Sarasota Opera is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts. Programs are paid for in part by Sarasota County Tourist Development Tax revenues. Sarasota Opera • 61 N. Pineapple Avenue • Sarasota, FL 34236 • (941) 366-8450 • SarasotaOpera.org