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Sarasota Youth Opera Welcomes Families to a Free Day of Fun at the Opera House

Sarasota, FL — Sarasota Youth Opera invites families to explore the magic of opera at a lively and interactive Family Day at the Sarasota Opera House on **Saturday, August 23, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm**. This *free* event offers an engaging and welcoming introduction to opera for children and adults alike.

Visitors can enjoy singing sessions, acting games and workshops, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the historic opera house. Other hands-on activities include costume and makeup demonstrations, crafts, a photo booth, and the chance to win fun prizes. Ice cream and an on-site food truck will also be available to enjoy throughout the afternoon.

Family Day offers a glimpse into what makes Sarasota Youth Opera a unique and inspiring program. Attendees will get a taste of the creativity and talent fostered by the Youth Opera and learn about opportunities to get involved in our Youth Opera program and the Youth Opera fall production.

What: Sarasota Youth Opera Family Day

When: Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Where: Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236

Tickets: *Free admission – no tickets or registration required*

Details: Visit SarasotaOpera.org/FamilyDay or call (941) 328-1300

About [Sarasota Youth Opera](https://SarasotaOpera.org)

Since 1984, Sarasota Youth Opera has given thousands of young people ages 8 to 18 an opportunity to experience the joy of opera firsthand through participation in fully staged Youth Opera productions, Sarasota Opera main stage productions, summer camps, and concerts throughout the community. Sarasota Youth Opera is the only program in the United States committed to both presenting an annual full-scale opera production for young voices, as well as accepting all who wish to participate regardless of skill level or ability to pay.

The fall production this year from Sarasota Youth Opera will be *Brundibár* by Hans Krása, with libretto by Adolf Hoffmeister. Performances will take place November 8 & 9, 2025, at the Sarasota Opera House. Written in the 1930s by Jewish Czech composer Hans Krása and originally performed by children at the Theresienstadt concentration camp during World War II, *Brundibár* is a charming opera about a town that joins together to banish the evil bully, Brundibár, and help Little Joe and Annette save their mother. With themes of resilience, friendship, and justice, this opera carries a moving legacy alongside its imaginative tale. For more information, visit <https://www.sarasotaopera.org/youth-opera-program>.

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.

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