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Sarasota Opera Food & Wine Festival Returns September 27

Sarasota, FL — Sarasota Opera's popular [Food & Wine Festival](#) returns on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on stage at the Sarasota Opera House. This festive community event brings together local restaurants, wineries, and artisan vendors to serve up an afternoon of culinary delights, music and dancing in support of Sarasota Opera Youth Opera.

The exclusive VIP experience is back this year by popular demand, offering early entry at 12:15 p.m., reserved seating, and enhanced tastings for \$150 per person. General admission is \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door.

Throughout the afternoon, guests will enjoy food and wine samples on stage from beloved Sarasota establishments, live performances by the Sarasota Youth Opera chorus, and raffle prizes including gift cards, local experiences, and tickets to upcoming opera performances. In addition to annual favorite vendors, such as 99Bottles, Michaels On East, Rose & Ivy, Jack Dusty, Wolfie's, and Sage, patrons this year will be able to sample selections from new vendors such as The Fat Rabbit and Bistro, from Ringling Art Museum. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

All proceeds from the event support Sarasota Youth Opera and its nationally recognized education programs, which provide musical and theatrical training to young people in the community.

What: Sarasota Opera Food & Wine Festival

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (early entry at 12:15 PM for VIP ticket holders)

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

Tickets: VIP \$150 | General Admission \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door

Purchase: Online at <https://tickets.sarasotaopera.org/7758/7759>, or at the Box Office at 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236, by calling (941) 328-1300.

About Sarasota Youth Opera & Education Programs

Since 1984, Sarasota Youth Opera has given thousands of young people an opportunity to experience opera first-hand through participation in after-school choruses, Sarasota Opera mainstage productions, summer workshops, and fully staged Youth Opera productions. As the only program in the United States committed to presenting annual full-scale opera productions for young voices, accepting all who wish to participate regardless of skill level or ability to pay, Sarasota Youth Opera is a national model for opera education.

Sarasota Opera's broader education programming works to introduce a life-long love of opera to students in the greater Sarasota/Manatee region. Taking performances to schools and inviting students to the Opera House for dress rehearsals and tours, Sarasota Opera Artists and education staff expand the mission of Sarasota Opera into the community.

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