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2022-23 SEASON



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Puccini
MADAMA
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Welcome to Our Season

Join us for an exciting musical adventure, featuring world-class opera productions, special events, and concerts. We are thrilled to welcome our community of opera lovers to the Sarasota Opera House, where we can be together to enjoy the excitement of live opera performances!

FIRST TIME AT THE OPERA?

Dress comfortably and be yourself. We want everyone to feel at home in our theater. Appropriate dress can be anything from jeans and khakis to gowns and tuxedos.

Real-time English translations are projected above the stage so you can follow along even if the opera is sung in a language you do not know. You will receive a program book with cast information, as well as a synopsis and background information about each opera.

Food and drinks are available before the performance and during intermissions at concessions throughout the Opera House and Donna Wolf Steigerwaldt Courtyard.

Your health and safety are important to us. At this time, we do not anticipate implementing any health and safety measures related to COVID but will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as recommended by our medical advisors based on prevailing conditions.

— 2022 FALL SEASON —



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Music and Libretto by Dean Burry
Based on the novel by Pierre Berton

SARASOTA
YOUTH OPERA

November 5 at 5 pm; November 6 at 12 pm

A group of siblings venture into the dark subterranean world of the Ogs to rescue their baby brother and cat. This story has been a favorite with Canadian children since its publication in the 1960s.

2022 FALL SEASON

The Secret Marriage

Il matrimonio segreto



Music by Domenico Cimarosa
Libretto by Giovanni Bertati

A social-climbing father wants his eldest daughter to marry an aristocrat and is prepared to buy his way in. When the would-be suitor arrives, his eye falls on the younger daughter instead. But she has secretly married her father's secretary.

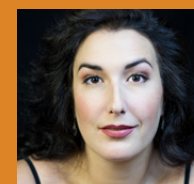
The Secret Marriage is a Sarasota Opera premiere.



Hanna Brammer
Carolina



Brenna Markey
Elisetta



Lisa Chavez
Fidalma



Levi Hamlin
Paolino



Stefano de Peppo
Geronimo



Filippo Fontana
Count Robinson

Victor DeRenzi
Conductor

Stephanie Sundine
Stage Director

Howard Tsvi Kaplan
Costume Designer

Ken Yunker
Lighting Designer

Kellen Eason
Hair and Make-Up
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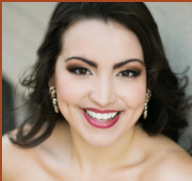
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SUNDAY	OCTOBER 30	1:30 PM
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 8	7:30 PM
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 10	7:30 PM
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 12	1:30 PM



Madama Butterfly

Music by Giacomo Puccini
Libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa

A young geisha known as Madama Butterfly is swept off her feet by an American Naval officer. Left with a promise that he would return one day, Butterfly waits faithfully for three years, but is met with heartbreak in one of opera's most enduring tragedies.



Raquel González
Cio-Cio-San



Heather Johnson
Suzuki



Christopher Oglesby
B.F. Pinkerton



Filippo Fontana
Sharpless

Victor DeRenzi
Conductor

Ken Yunker
Lighting Designer

Stephanie Sundine
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Kellen Eason
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SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 18	7:30 PM
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 21	7:30 PM
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 23	7:30 PM
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 26	1:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 1	7:30 PM

SATURDAY	MARCH 4	1:30 PM
FRIDAY	MARCH 10	7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 15	7:30 PM
TUESDAY	MARCH 21	1:30 PM
SATURDAY	MARCH 24	7:30 PM



Don Giovanni

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Libretto by Lorenzo Da Ponte

Mozart's most famous opera is a comic and tragic masterpiece. Set in 17th century Spain, this tale of obsession, betrayal, crime, and retribution centers around the infamous lover Don Juan, who leaves a path of broken hearts wherever he goes.



David Weigel
Don Giovanni



Stefano de Peppo
Leporello



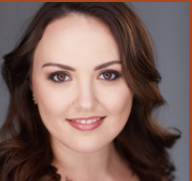
Erica Petrocelli
Donna Anna



Brian Vu
Don Ottavio



Caitlin Crabill
Donna Elvira



Anna Mandina
Zerlina

Marcello Cormio
Conductor

Ken Yunker
Lighting Designer

Mark Freiman
Stage Director

Kellen Eason
Hair and Make-Up Designer

David P. Gordon
Scenic Designer

Howard Tsvi Kaplan
Costume Designer

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SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 25	7:30 PM
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 28	7:30 PM
THURSDAY	MARCH 2	7:30 PM
SUNDAY	MARCH 5	1:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 8	7:30 PM
SUNDAY	MARCH 12	1:30 PM
SATURDAY	MARCH 18	7:30 PM
SATURDAY	MARCH 25	7:30 PM



Ernani

Music by Giuseppe Verdi
Libretto by Francesco Maria Piave

The bandit Ernani has lost his land, wealth, and title, and faces competing suitors, including the king, as he pursues his true love, Elvira. One of the greatest of Verdi's early works, Ernani encompasses love, honor, and tragedy with passionate choruses, emotional arias, and an exciting score.



Rafael Dávila
Ernani



Aviva Fortunata
Elvira



Mariano Buccino
Don Ruy Gomez
de Silva



Ricardo José
Rivera
Don Carlo

Victor DeRenzi
Conductor

Martha Collins
Stage Director

David P. Gordon
Scenic Designer

Howard Tsvi Kaplan
Costume Designer

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Lighting Designer

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Hair and Make-Up
Designer

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TUESDAY	MARCH 14	7:30 PM
THURSDAY	MARCH 16	7:30 PM
SATURDAY	MARCH 18	1:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 22	7:30 PM
SUNDAY	MARCH 26	1:30 PM



Thérèse

Music by Jules Massenet
Libretto by Jules Claretie

A love triangle during the French Revolution is the setting for this rarely heard work. Thérèse is torn between love for her former lover and her affection and duty towards her husband. Moments of lyrical beauty are punctuated by the drama of the "Reign of Terror."

Thésèse is a Sarasota Opera premiere.



Lisa Chavez
Thérèse



Andrew Surrena
Armand de Clerval



Sean Anderson
André Thorel

Louis Lohraseb
Conductor

Katherine M.
Carter
Stage Director

Ryan Howell
Scenic Designer

Howard Tsvi Kaplan
Costume Designer

Ken Yunker
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Designer

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SUNDAY	MARCH 19	1:30 PM
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SARASOTA OPERA 2022-23 SEASON CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2022						
					28 <i>The Secret Marriage</i> 7:30 PM	29
30 <i>The Secret Marriage</i> 1:30 PM	31	NOVEMBER 1	2	3	4 <i>The Musical Capitals of Europe</i> 7:30 PM	5 <i>The Secret World of Og</i> 5:00 PM
6 <i>The Secret World of Og</i> 12:00 PM	7	8 <i>The Secret Marriage</i> 7:30 PM	9	10 <i>The Secret Marriage</i> 7:30 PM	11 Moonlight & Melodies Dinner 6:30 PM	12 <i>The Secret Marriage</i> 1:30 PM
FEBRUARY 2023						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 7:30 PM
19	20	21 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 7:30 PM	22	23 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 7:30 PM	24	25 <i>Don Giovanni</i> 7:30 PM
26 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 1:30 PM	27 Opera House Tour 10:30 AM	28 <i>Don Giovanni</i> 7:30 PM				
MARCH - APRIL 2023						
			1 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 7:30 PM	2 <i>Don Giovanni</i> 7:30 PM	3	4 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 1:30 PM
5 <i>Don Giovanni</i> 1:30 PM	6 Opera House Tour 10:30 AM	7	8 <i>Don Giovanni</i> 7:30 PM	9	10 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 7:30 PM	11 <i>Ernani</i> 7:30 PM
12 <i>Don Giovanni</i> 1:30 PM	13 Opera House Tour 10:30 AM	14 <i>Ernani</i> 7:30 PM	15 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 7:30 PM	16 <i>Ernani</i> 7:30 PM	17 Apprentice Artists at Noon 12:00 PM <i>Thérèse</i> 7:30 PM	18 <i>Ernani</i> 1:30 PM <i>Don Giovanni</i> 7:30 PM
19 <i>Thérèse</i> 1:30 PM	20 Opera House Tour 10:30 AM Moonlight & Melodies Dinner 6:30 PM	21 <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 1:30 PM <i>Thérèse</i> 7:30 PM	22 Salute to the Stars Awards Luncheon 11:30 AM* <i>Ernani</i> 7:30 PM	23 <i>Covers at Noon</i> 12:00 PM <i>Thérèse</i> 7:30 PM	24 Apprentice Artists at Noon 12:00 PM <i>Madama Butterfly</i> 7:30 PM	25 <i>Thérèse</i> 1:30 PM <i>Don Giovanni</i> 7:30 PM
26 <i>Ernani</i> 1:30 PM	27 Opera House Tour 10:30 AM	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1 The Opera Gala 5:30 PM

Opera Lovers Weeks are March 15-26.

During these weeks, you can see all four Winter Festival opera productions in as few as three days.

*Held at Sarasota Yacht Club

PERFORMANCES, DISCOUNTS & TOURS

MUSICAL CAPITALS OF EUROPE

November 4, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$12-\$47 per person

The great capitals of Europe have been the workplace and inspiration for the great composers. This concert by Principal and Studio Artists of the Fall Season will feature vocal music they wrote there and about those magical cities.

APPRENTICE AND 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 17, 2023 at 12 noon

APPRENTICE ARTISTS AT NOON

March 24, 2023 at 12 noon

COVERS AT NOON

March 23, 2023 at 12 noon

SCHMIDT VOCAL ARTS NATIONAL VOCAL COMPETITION

June 3, 2023 – Semi-Final Competition

June 4, 2023 – Master Class / Final Round / Awards Ceremony

Schmidt Vocal Arts will have winners from its regional competitions for high school singers compete in a national competition hosted by Sarasota Opera. Tickets will be available in January 2023.

STUDENT/TEACHER RUSH STUDENT TICKETS

Students under 22, with a current student ID, can purchase tickets for \$15 in advance. A limited number of \$10 rush tickets may be available 30 minutes prior to a performance at the lobby box office (cash only).



GROUPS

For groups of 10 or more individuals, Sarasota Opera offers an exceptional level of service. Take advantage of special group discounts, available for most performances. Enjoy your experience with various options including receptions, opera house tours, and concerts.

OPERA HOUSE TOURS

Tour the historic Sarasota Opera House including access to backstage areas – see what happens behind the scenes. Mondays at 10:30 am starting in February 2023. Tickets: \$12.



SPECIAL PACKAGES, OPERA CLUB & TALKS

T.O.W.N. CLUB (Tuesday Opera Women's Network)

Ladies! Sarasota Opera invites you to join the 5th season of T.O.W.N. Club! As part of the Tuesday Opera Women's Network, you will join a community of women who enjoy opera, social events, friendships, and fantastic performances. Join your fellow T.O.W.N. members at 6:15 p.m. and before each Tuesday subscription performance for nibbles, a cash bar, and a chance to mix and mingle with one another. An additional \$25 membership fee will be added to your subscription.

The Secret Marriage (Il matrimonio segreto) – November 8, 2022

Don Giovanni – February 28, 2023

Ernani – March 14, 2023

Madama Butterfly – February 21, 2023

Thérèse – March 21, 2023

DA CAPO SOCIETY

The Da Capo Society is a dynamic group of opera patrons between 21-40, who want to share the experience of attending Sarasota Opera's acclaimed productions. With discounted ticket prices and fun social events, as a member of the Da Capo Society you are part of Sarasota Opera's community of opera lovers from around the world. The Da Capo Society Subscription Series for \$150 includes three operas in the 2023 Winter Opera Festival. This package's performance dates are:

Madama Butterfly
February 23, 2023

Don Giovanni
March 2, 2023

Ernani
March 16, 2023



THE SIMONSEN & MONTMINY OPERA CLUB

Make the most of your Sarasota Opera experience. Our second floor lounge is a place where club members can relax, have a drink, and meet other opera fans before performances and during intermissions.

Join Simonsen & Montminy Opera Club today for a new way to enjoy your time at Sarasota Opera. Membership information is available on our website at SarasotaOpera.org or call the Development Office at (941) 366-8450, ext. 250.

UNDERSTANDING OPERA TALKS

These informative talks will be presented by General Director Richard Russell and Director of Education Martha Collins in the Jonas Kamlet Library at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 per talk.

October 19, 2022 – *The Orpheus Myth in Opera*

March 1, 2023 – *Enrico Caruso*

February 1, 2023 – *Heroic Heroines of Opera*

March 22, 2023 – *Vive la Révolution!*

SIGNATURE EVENTS

CURTAIN RAISER DINNER

Michael's on the Bay, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

October 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm | Tickets: \$210 per person

Welcome back! Join your Sarasota Opera friends as we celebrate the start of the 2022-23 Season and General Director Richard Russell's 10th season. The evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres amid the lush landscape of the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, followed by a three-course dinner and performances by Sarasota Opera artists. Gorgeous nature, delectable food, and stellar performances. Is there a better way to spend an evening?

MOONLIGHT & MELODIES DINNER SERIES

Donna Wolf Steigerwaldt Courtyard, Sarasota Opera House

November 11, 2022, January 19, 2023, March 20, 2023, all at 6:30 pm

Tickets: \$200 per person/per dinner

Experience an immersive themed dinner series in the Donna Wolf Steigerwaldt Courtyard that highlights composers from our season. As we come together to share our awe for the exquisite art these composers created, enjoy cocktails and food prepared by the best of Sarasota's chefs in a setting that will transport you to a different location each evening. This year's dinners will highlight the work of Dominico Cimarosa and contemporaries (such as Mozart), Giacomo Puccini, and Giuseppe Verdi. Guests will enjoy a delightful excursion to the Italian countryside, discover the charms of Japan, and revel in a Spanish feast.

SALUTE TO THE STARS AWARDS LUNCHEON

Sarasota Yacht Club | **March 22, 2023 at 11:30 am** | Tickets: \$75-\$125 per person

On stage, a singer's voice is commanding. Imagine how you will feel hearing it just feet away from your table! Join us and celebrate the outstanding Sarasota Opera Apprentice and Studio Artists who will be honored in 2023. A gourmet meal and beautiful views of Sarasota Bay accompany the performances by the awardees. The awards are presented through the generosity of visionary individuals as well as the Sarasota and Manatee Opera Guilds.



THE OPERA GALA

Sarasota Opera House

April 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Tickets available in September

Sarasota Opera takes over Pineapple Avenue once again with its annual gala! This evening is full of fellowship, performances, great food, an exciting trip auction, and dancing to the Scott Blum Band. Designed as a celebration of the season, the community is invited to participate in any way they like, be it just attending the performance portion of the evening or putting on their finest clothes and dancing shoes to make a whole evening of it.

BECOME A DONOR



A GIFT OF ANY AMOUNT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Your gift to Sarasota Opera helps to bring impassioned performances, true to the vision of the composer, to our region. Your support also ensures that we can continue to provide innovative education programming, including the renowned Sarasota Youth Opera. By adding your voice to the chorus of supporters, you guarantee that we remain a destination where you are joined by opera lovers from across the country and around the world to experience rarely produced artistically significant works, like this season's Sarasota Opera premieres: *The Secret Marriage* and *Thérèse*.

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU - GIVING IS EASY

Ticket sales cover only 40% of our production costs. Please consider including a tax-deductible contribution along with your ticket order. Gifts can also be made by phone, check, credit card, online, or through gifts of appreciated stock. Double the impact of your contribution through your company's corporate matching program.

For more on ways to give, please contact Sarasota Opera's Development Department at (941) 366-8450, ext. 813, visit us online at SarasotaOpera.org/support or mail your contribution to Sarasota Opera, Attn: Development Department, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

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Subscribers can save up to 15% over individual ticket prices and enjoy benefits such as same seats for all performances, free ticket exchanges, discounts, priority on additional tickets, and much more. Choose a subscription to get the same seats for all your opera performances or Build-Your-Own subscription* and select the operas and dates you want to attend to fit your schedule. This year we are introducing new subscription options:

CLASSICS SERIES (*Madama Butterfly*, *Don Giovanni*, *Ernani*)

Perfect for beginning opera lovers as well as aficionados, this series contains works from the standard operatic repertoire by the great composers. If you are attending our Winter Opera Festival and wish to also see *Thérèse*, it can be added at the same subscription discounted price.

EXPLORATIONS SERIES (*The Secret Marriage*, *Thérèse*)

These important, but lesser-known works, allow our audience to discover some of the rarely heard operas and broaden their knowledge of the operatic repertoire. *The Secret Marriage* and *Thérèse* are both Sarasota Opera premieres.

2022-23 Full 5-opera subscriptions start at just \$108

Includes *The Secret Marriage*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Don Giovanni*, *Ernani*, and *Thérèse*

2023 Winter Opera Festival (3-opera Classics Series plus *Thérèse*) start at just \$90

Includes *Madama Butterfly*, *Don Giovanni*, *Ernani*, and *Thérèse*

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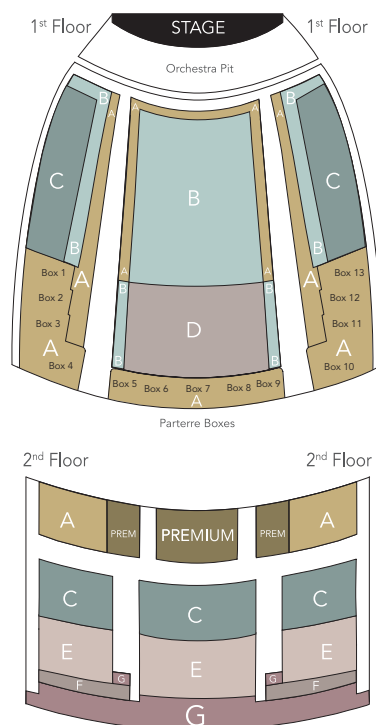
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ACCESSIBILITY

The Sarasota Opera House is accessible to people with disabilities. Theater is outfitted with Hearing Loop technology. Braille program materials are also available but must be ordered at least one month in advance together with your tickets. For more information, contact the Box office or visit our website.

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PARKING & STAY IN TOUCH

1 PALM AVENUE PARKING GARAGE

Located at 1289 Palm Avenue, next to the Art Ovation Hotel, behind the Sarasota Opera House.

For most Sarasota Opera performances, the Palm Avenue garage charges a cash-only \$5 pay-on-entry fee. Otherwise, the first two hours are free. After two hours, there is a \$3 charge, plus a \$1 charge for each additional hour. information.

2 PLAZA AT FIVE POINTS

Located at 50 Central Avenue. Enter on 1st Street, \$2 per hour, up to \$6 maximum.

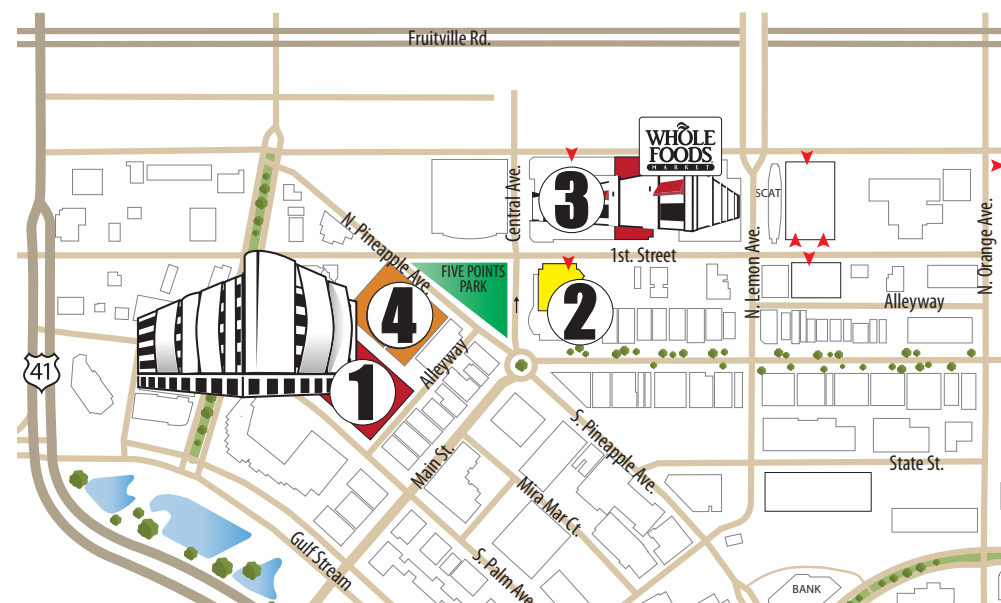
3 100 CENTRAL AVENUE

Enter on 2nd Street. Free public parking on the 2nd floor only with a 4-hour limit.

4 DO NOT PARK

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COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING - This is available in front of the Sarasota Opera House one hour prior to curtain. Be prepared for a brief wait following the performance for your car to arrive. Tipping is encouraged.



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