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## **Sarasota Youth Opera Summer Camp Registration is Open Now Through May 15**

*Young people aged 8-18 are invited to experience how fun opera is—on and off the stage!*

**Sarasota, FL** – Sarasota Youth Opera invites young people between the ages of 8 and 18 to explore the exciting world of opera through its annual Summer Camp. Designed for all skill levels and led by a team of seasoned professionals, the summer camp delves into every aspect of what goes into opera! A typical day includes sessions in singing, acting, physical comedy, sets, props, wigs, make-up, costumes and dance. It is so much more than just singing! The camp will take place at the Sarasota Opera House, located at 61 N. Pineapple Avenue in downtown Sarasota.

**The camp will run on weekdays from June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a one or two-week session available for children aged 8 to 10, and a three-week session for young singers ages 11 to 18.** (See schedule and details below.)

Parents from past years have praised the camp saying “the quality of service provided to every camper and every parent is nothing short of amazing! It was an unbelievable opportunity for our son with a value unmatched by any other summer camp.” One parent said that they “have seen [their] daughter’s confidence grow in her three years in SYO Summer Camp!”

Appreciation from our campers includes “I’m inspired to be my best self!” and “we develop confidence while exploring all the beauty opera has to offer.” With such positive feedback, it’s clear that SYO’s summer camp offers a unique and unforgettable experience that children look forward to all year long!

## **JUNE 2024 DATES, TIMES, AND BASICS:**

### **Ages 8 to 10:**

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Weekdays

Session 1 – June 10 - 14 (\$175)

Session 2 – June 17 - 21 (\$175)

Combined Sessions – June 10-21 (\$300)

### **Ages 11-18:**

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Weekdays

One Session Only – June 10 - 28 (\$400)

## **Early Drop-Off and Late Pick-Up Information:**

Early Drop Off: \$30 for the whole session (8:30 AM - 10 AM)

Late Pick Up: \$30 for the whole session (3 PM - 5 PM)

Both Early Drop Off and Late Pick Up: \$50 for the whole session

## **Sign-Up Info:**

- There is no audition required
- The program is designed for all skill levels.
- Tuition assistance is available
- The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 15, 2024
- The camp will take place at the Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple, Sarasota, FL.
- For more information, visit our website [here](#), call 941-328-1329 or email [youthopera@sarasotaopera.org](mailto:youthopera@sarasotaopera.org)
- To register click the link here <https://form.jotform.com/240156982666163>

## ABOUT SARASOTA YOUTH OPERA

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 and accepts participants regardless of skill level or ability to pay.

**Youth Opera Production:** Sarasota Youth Opera is the only program in the United States committed to presenting an annual, full-scale, fully professional opera production where our young singers take the stage – both in the lead roles and the chorus. This is an exceptional opportunity for talented young singers in the community to develop their voices, confidence, collaborative skill and stage presence.

**Youth Opera Chorus:** Beginning at age 8, singers are placed in one of two chorus levels. Each chorus provides a setting for everyone to participate and progress at their own level as they gain greater skills and experience. Selections performed are made up of classical music, which includes opera and choral pieces in different languages. The choruses perform throughout the community in formal concerts and outreach events.

**Opera Mainstage Season:** Members of the Youth Opera are selected to join Sarasota Opera's Winter Festival season, appearing in the mainstage children's chorus, in special roles written by the composer for children's voices, and as supernumeraries (extras who perform non-singing roles). In recent seasons these have included roles in *La bohème*, *Tosca*, and *Carmen*. Singers are involved in the complete production process – from early music and dramatic rehearsals to performing alongside opera professionals.

**Youth Opera Productions:** Part of Sarasota Opera's commitment to young people includes the commissioning of new operatic works written for children and young adults. Six new works have been presented as part of this mission including Rachel J. Peters' *Rootabaga Country* (2017) and Daron Hagen's *Little Nemo in Slumberland* (2012). Members take part in the making of each opera, complete with professional staging, costumes, lighting, sound, and orchestral accompaniment.

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