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Sarasota Opera Announces Floridacentral Credit Union as 2026 App Sponsor

February 25, 2026 — Sarasota Opera is pleased to announce that [Floridacentral Credit Union](#) will serve as the official sponsor of the [Sarasota Opera Mobile App](#) for the 2026 Winter Opera Festival. This partnership supports the company’s continued expansion of its digital resources, providing engaging [digital content](#) about each opera production, including videos, playlists, programs and [podcast episodes](#), and helping patrons access important performance details and venue information throughout the year.

The Sarasota Opera Mobile App, available on [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices, provides audiences with convenient access to digital program books, casting information, real-time updates, and event resources designed to enhance the opera-going experience.

"The Sarasota Opera Mobile App is an important extension of our mission, and we’re thrilled to have partners like Floridacentral Credit Union helping us offer patrons a more seamless and informative way to enjoy our productions," said Melissa Voigt, Director of Development at Sarasota Opera.

Floridacentral Credit Union’s sponsorship reflects its commitment to supporting community institutions and helps Sarasota Opera continue offering accessible, user-friendly digital tools that enhance the experience of audiences throughout the Winter Opera Festival.

“With deep roots in the Sunshine State and a shared commitment to enriching local life, Floridacentral is proud to support fellow nonprofit Sarasota Opera,” said Toni Dunbar, Regional Manager of Floridacentral Credit Union’s Southern Division. “This collaboration reflects Floridacentral’s dedication to uplifting community institutions and enhancing the cultural experiences that help Florida communities thrive.”

The 2026 Winter Opera Festival opened February 14 and features four productions through March 29: Puccini’s *La bohème*, Lehár’s *The Merry Widow*, Verdi’s *Il trovatore*, and Carlisle Floyd’s *Susannah*. As audiences increasingly rely on mobile devices to plan visits and engage with performances, the app plays a central role in providing a streamlined and informative patron experience.

To learn more or download the Sarasota Opera Mobile App, visit www.sarasotaopera.org/sarasota-opera-app

About Sarasota Opera

Sarasota Opera is in its 67th season of bringing world-class opera to Florida's Gulf Coast and 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. In June 2026 Maestro DeRenzi will be stepping down from the company and Mr. Russell will add Artistic Director to his responsibilities. 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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About Floridacentral Credit Union

Floridacentral Credit Union has spent more than 60 years rooted in the communities it serves, building a deep understanding of the unique needs and opportunities that come with life in the Sunshine State. As a not-for-profit, member-owned financial cooperative, Floridacentral is driven by people—not profits—ensuring that every decision supports the well-being of its members and the broader community. This cooperative model allows members to enjoy better rates, lower fees, and personalized financial guidance, all while playing an active role in shaping the credit union's future. With a long history of local service and a genuine commitment to helping Floridians thrive, Floridacentral stands as both a trusted financial partner and a welcoming community dedicated to empowering its members. For more information, visit <https://www.floridacentralcu.com/>