SARASOTA SPECIAL OPERA GUILD EVENT

Supercharging Sevillian Gestures into the Opera *Carmen* Presenter: Tania Vergara Perez Monday, February 12, 2024 – 4 p.m.

Church of the Redeemer, Gillespie Hall - 222 South Palm Ave.

Free parking on Gulfstream Ave. Please use the courtyard entrance.

Bizet's *Carmen* has everything you want from an opera: high drama, passionate characters, a love story, and great recognizable melodies.

Through varied choreographic techniques, TANIA VERGARA PEREZ empowers singer/performers to evoke the authentic cultural style of Seville through gestures, movements, body posturing, storytelling and acting, creating a more perfect amalgamation of music, text, movement and stagecraft integral to the opera Carmen. In her presentation, Ms. Vergara will give us a glimpse into how and what it takes to impart stylistic movement techniques into the artistry of singers for the upcoming *Carmen*.



Tania Vergara Perez is a Cuban American professor, choreographer and a master teacher on the faculty of the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School and at Sarasota Contemporary Dance.

With a Bachelor of Dance Arts with honors from the prestigious Institute of Superior Arts in Havana, Cuba, in 2002, she founded her own company, Endedans Contemporary Ballet.

Her choreography has won numerous international awards and her choreographic work has appeared on stages in Johannesburg, South Africa; the Varna Festival in Bulgaria; the Tokyo World Ballet Festival in Japan; and the Dance Festival of Guyana.

Previously, Ms. Vergara has worked with Sarasota Opera on *La Traviata* and choreographies for *Tiefland* and *Carmen*.

Please join us for this enlightening program, and stay to enjoy the social hour after.

Supercharging Sevillian Gestures into the Opera Carmen \$30 per person, includes sangria and tapas following the program.

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