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Sarasota Opera's DaCapo Society to Host Season Launch Party at Costume Warehouse

Sarasota Opera's DaCapo Society invites young professionals to go "Behind the Seams" at the 2026 Fall Season launch party and tour. The evening is free and open to DaCapo members as well as those curious about joining the group of young opera-lovers aged 21-45

September 14, 2026 — Sarasota Opera's [DaCapo Society](#) invites Sarasota's younger arts patrons aged 21-45 to go "Behind the Seams" at the Fall Season launch party: [Cocktails, Costumes & Connections](#) on **Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** The evening will include appetizers, an open bar, and a behind-the-scenes tour of Sarasota Opera's renowned [costume warehouse](#) led by longtime resident costume designer **Howard Tsvi Kaplan**, highlighting this season's newest designs. The event is free with advanced registration and open to DaCapo members as well as those curious about joining the young opera-lovers group.

Sarasota Opera's DaCapo Society was launched in 2016 to foster the community of younger patrons interested in exploring the operatic art form. Included in the DaCapo Society's \$25 annual membership fee are specially priced tickets to select mainstage performances, invitations to exclusive events, tours, talks, and mixers, and networking opportunities with like-minded young professionals and arts supporters. This season, DaCapo Society members are invited to purchase discounted Thursday evening mainstage tickets to [Hansel and Gretel](#) (November 12), [La traviata](#) (February 11), [H.M.S. Pinafore](#) (February 18), [Ariadne auf Naxos](#) (March 4), and [Jenůfa](#) (March 18), with additional package rates available.

DaCapo's upcoming Fall Season launch party will give both current DaCapo members and those interested in learning more about the group a backstage look into the world of opera costuming. Sarasota Opera's costume warehouse holds one of the largest collections in North America, with over 50,000 costumes (nearly 100,000 individual pieces), including costumes for 135 opera productions that are available for rentals nationwide.

Event Details

DaCapo Society Presents: [Cocktails, Costumes & Connections](#)*

Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sarasota Opera Costume Warehouse

8161 25th Ct E, Sarasota, FL 34243

To RSVP, please email lmohib@sarasotaopera.org. *You do not need to be a DaCapo Society member to attend. Bring your curiosity, invite a friend, and join us for a memorable evening celebrating community, creativity, and the arts.

About DaCapo Society

The DaCapo Society is Sarasota Opera's vibrant community for young patrons (ages 21–45) who share a passion for live opera and cultural experiences. Whether you're a seasoned aficionado or simply opera-curious, DaCapo offers a backstage pass to Sarasota's high-note social scene, featuring:

- World-class opera performances
- Exclusive pre-show receptions at the Opera House
- Discounted tickets — up to 30% off single tickets or a four-opera package for just \$125
- Free drinks and appetizers provided at every reception

Annual membership is just \$25, making it an accessible way to connect with fellow culture lovers and enjoy Sarasota Opera in style.

2026/2027 Opera Season Performance Dates for DaCapo Society

Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* – November 12, 2026

Verdi's *La traviata* – Thursday, February 11, 2027

Gilbert & Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore* – Thursday, February 18, 2027

Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos* – Thursday, March 4, 2027

Janáček *Jenůfa* – Thursday, March 18, 2027

Learn more or become a member at sarasotaopera.org/da-capo-society.

About Sarasota Opera

Sarasota Opera is in its 68th 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 in 2007, has been called "one of America's finest venues for opera" by *Musical America*. Richard Russell has served as General Director since 2012 and added the role of Artistic Director in June 2026. 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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