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## **Auditions Now Open until Sept. 1 for Sarasota Youth Opera's Fall Production, *Brundibár***

**Sarasota, FL** – Young performers ages 8 and up may now [register](#) to audition to be a part of [Sarasota Youth Opera's](#) fall production of Hans Krása's [Brundibár](#). This is a fully staged production with professional sets, costumes and live orchestra with the Youth Opera singing all the lead roles and chorus.

Written in the 1930s by Jewish Czech composer Hans Krása and originally performed by children at the Theresienstadt concentration camp during WWII, *Brundibár* is a tale about a town that joins together to banish the evil bully, Brundibár, and help Little Joe and Annette save their mother. A story of resilience, this opera has a history as moving as its story. To learn more about the production, [visit our website](#). As part of the production, "Raise Up Your Voice," an original prologue by Martha Collins (Director of Education) and Jessé Martins (Youth Opera Music Director & Conductor), will be presented. The prologue addresses the larger social message of *Brundibár*.

In addition to performing in *Brundibár*, fall Youth Opera members will also have the opportunity to audition to be part of Sarasota Opera's 2026 Winter Festival mainstage productions as part of the Children's Chorus in Puccini's [La bohème](#) or as supernumeraries in Floyd's [Susannah](#), where they will perform on stage with professional opera singers.

### **FALL 2025 DATES, TIMES, AND INFO:**

- The semester starts the week of Monday, August 18 and culminates with performances of *Brundibár* on November 8 and 9.
- Program enrollment opened June 15 and runs through **September 1**. Auditions will be held by appointment.

- All rehearsals and performances take place at the Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota.
- The official rehearsal calendar will be sent out upon acceptance.
- Tuition assistance is awarded on a need-based policy. Decisions are communicated upon acceptance into the program.
- To register to audition, visit <https://www.sarasotaopera.org/youth-opera-program>.

#### **Prep Chorus: Ages 8 and above**

- Must be 8 or older by Dec. 31, 2025
- Tuition **\$250**

#### **Mixed Chorus: Ages 11 and above (based on ability)**

- Must be 11 or older by Dec. 31, 2025
- Tuition **\$325**

### **ABOUT SARASOTA YOUTH OPERA**

Sarasota Youth Opera is a national model for opera education, and the only program in the United States that presents an annual fully staged Youth Opera production with professional orchestra, sets, and costumes, where our young singers are given a chance to shine. Our mission is to attain the highest level of artistic excellence through quality instruction from noted professionals in the opera industry and through participation in Youth Opera productions, Sarasota Opera main stage productions, concerts throughout the community, and summer camps. We pride ourselves in encouraging personal and social growth in our members by fostering a sense of self-worth, self-esteem, leadership, accomplishment, pride, cooperation, and enriching the lives of young people of all backgrounds. More information: [Youth Opera Program](#) | [Sarasota Opera](#)

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