



Job Title: Supernumerary

About Sarasota Opera

Sarasota Opera, which owns its 1926 historic theater, renovated in 2008, produces a winter festival season with four operas in repertory from January to March, and a fall season of varying size. Throughout both seasons, Sarasota Opera offers additional special events and concerts.

Position Summary

Sarasota Opera is excited to announce an open call for supernumeraries to join its upcoming 2024 winter productions of Carmen (by Georges Bizet), Lucia di Lammermoor (by Gaetano Donizetti), and Luisa Miller (by Giuseppe Verdi) on Saturday, November 18, 2023, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Sarasota Opera House located at 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota FL 34236. Supernumeraries are non-speaking, non-singing roles that help create a vibrant and realistic stage environment.

Limited appointment time slots are available, so early registration is encouraged. Participants should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time. There is no need to prepare anything in advance, as the audition will consist of movement exercises and group activities led by our production team. Measurements for costumes might also be taken.

"Sarasota Opera is dedicated to creating exceptional productions that captivate audiences and bring the magic of opera to life," said Maestro Victor DeRenzi, Artistic Director of Sarasota Opera.

Purpose of Position

"Supernumeraries play a crucial role in enhancing the visual and dramatic aspects of our productions, and we are thrilled to invite community members to be a part of our upcoming productions of our opera festival."

Commitment Expected

Rehearsals will begin on Jan 22, 2024, and all selected supernumeraries will be expected to attend scheduled rehearsals according to the production calendar. Supers are expected to commit to all performances and all required rehearsals.

A detailed rehearsal schedule will be provided to interested candidates. The performance dates for operas are as follows (all performances at 7:30 p.m. except matinee performances at 1:30 p.m.):

Carmen (12 performances)

February 17, 20, 22, 25 (matinee), 28, March 2 (matinee), 5, 8, 13, 17, 19 (matinee), 22

Lucia di Lammermoor (8 performances)

February 24, 27, 29, March 3 (matinee), 6, 10 (matinee), 16, 23

Luisa Miller (6 performances)

March 9, 12, 14, 16 (matinee), 20, 24 (matinee)

Sarasota Opera is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community. We encourage individuals of all backgrounds and abilities to participate in this opportunity.

Position Benefits

Supernumeraries will receive two (2) complimentary tickets for one opera of their choosing. For more information about Sarasota Opera and our productions, please visit our website at www.SarasotaOpera.org

How to Apply

No previous experience is necessary, but a passion for theater and willingness to follow directions are essential. To express your interest in becoming a supernumerary and to schedule an appointment time, please contact Adam Cioffari, Sarasota Opera Artistic Associate at acioffari@sarasotaopera.org or 941-366-8450 Ext. 550.