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2024 FALL SEASON

THE HOBBIT™

Dean Burry

Nov. 9 & 10, 2024

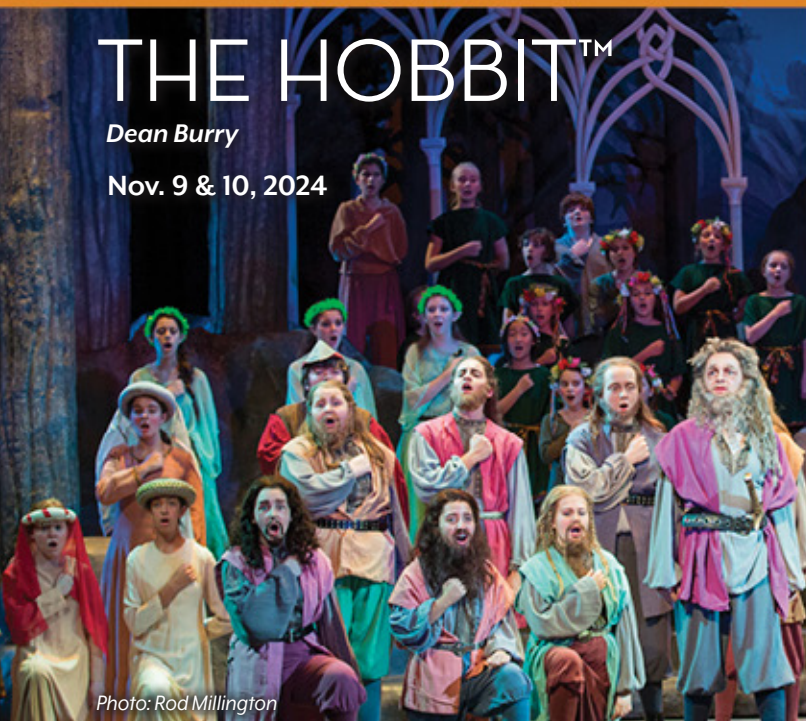


Photo: Rod Millington

Sarasota Youth Opera will present its acclaimed production of *The Hobbit™* by Dean Burry. This prelude to Tolkien's classic, *The Lord of The Rings*, recounts how a comfort-loving hobbit, unwillingly dragged into a heroic quest, accidentally acquires the golden ring of power.

THE MUSIC OF GIUSEPPE VERDI

Nov. 15 & 17, 2024



The operas of Giuseppe Verdi have been an important part of the history of Sarasota Opera, the only company to have presented all his works. Principal Artists from the Sarasota Opera with the Sarasota Orchestra, conducted by Victor DeRenzi, will present selections from these great works in concert.

2025 WINTER OPERA FESTIVAL

CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

Music by Pietro Mascagni
Libretto by Giovanni Targioni-Tozzetti
& Guido Menasci

PAGLIACCI

Music by Ruggero Leoncavallo
Libretto by Ruggero Leoncavallo

Feb. 15 – March 29, 2025

Photo: Deb Hesser

Two operas, two betrayed husbands, two tragic ends. In *Cavalleria rusticana* the calm of a Sicilian Easter morning is broken by a betrayed lover who sets off a chain of events ending in violent tragedy. In true theatrical tradition *Pagliacci's* clown tries to go on with the show, but his real-life humiliation and despair lead to a grim climax. The violent passions and raw emotions of these two works changed the direction of Italian opera forever.

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

Music by Gioachino Rossini
Libretto by Cesare Sterbini

Feb. 22 – March 29, 2025

Photo: Cliff Roles

Determined to win the heart of the beautiful Rosina, Count Almaviva enlists the help of Figaro, the barber of Seville, to steal her away from her guardian, Dr. Bartolo. Hilarious complications ensue to some of opera's most delightful music. *The Barber of Seville* is one of the most beloved comedic works in the operatic repertory.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Libretto by Lorenzo Da Ponte

March 8 – 28, 2025

Photo: Rod Millington

Continuing the story of *The Barber of Seville*, Count Almaviva's eye has now wandered and his current objective is Susanna, Figaro's fiancée. The distressed couple, along with Rosina (now the Countess Almaviva) conspire to reveal the count's lechery, despite the many obstacles thrown in their way. Mozart's musical genius, along with Lorenzo DaPonte's witty libretto make *The Marriage of Figaro* one of opera's masterpieces.

STIFFELIO

Music by Giuseppe Verdi
Poetry by Francesco Maria Piave

March 15 – 30, 2025

Photo: Deb Hesser

A Protestant minister returns from a mission abroad to be confronted by his wife's infidelity. *Stiffelio* faces his wife's transgression, battling his all-too human emotions with his religious faith. Written just before *Rigoletto*, this long neglected, emotionally charged work is now recognized as an important opera by the great Giuseppe Verdi.

2024-25 SEASON CALENDAR

CONCERTS

APPRENTICE & STUDIO ARTISTS CONCERTS

The Lee & Bob Peterson Great Room
Tickets: \$10

Hear our Apprentice and Studio Artists perform timeless operatic arias, duets, and ensembles.

APPRENTICE ARTISTS AT NOON

March 21, 2025 at 12 pm
 March 28, 2025 at 12 pm

COVERS AT 3

March 21, 2025 at 3 pm

SIGNATURE EVENTS

SARASOTA OPERA FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

Sarasota Opera House
 Saturday, September 21, 2024

Tickets: \$75 in advance
\$85 at the door

THE OPERA GALA: A NIGHT IN SEVILLE

Ritz Carlton, Sarasota
 Friday, January 31, 2025

Tickets: \$1,250, \$750 or \$350 per person

SALUTE TO THE STARS AWARDS LUNCHEON

Sarasota Yacht Club
 March 25 at 11:30 am
\$85 per person

NOTE: Information about these and other events during the season are available at SarasotaOpera.org/Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOVEMBER 2024						
3	4	5	6	7	8 Lobby Concert 12:00 PM	9 <i>The Hobbit</i> 5:00 PM
10 <i>The Hobbit</i> 12:00 PM	11	12	13	14	15 <i>The Music of Giuseppe Verdi</i> 7:30 PM	16
17 <i>The Music of Giuseppe Verdi</i> 3:00 PM	18	19	20	21	22	23
FEBRUARY 2025						
The Opera Gala* January 31 at 6:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci</i> 7:30 PM
16	17	18	19	20 <i>Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci</i> 7:30 PM	21	22 <i>The Barber of Seville</i> 7:30 PM
23 <i>Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci</i> 1:30 PM	24	25 <i>The Barber of Seville</i> 7:30 PM	26 <i>Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci</i> 7:30 PM	27 <i>The Barber of Seville</i> 7:30 PM	28	
MARCH 2025						
						1 <i>Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci</i> 1:30 PM
2 <i>The Barber of Seville</i> 1:30 PM	3	4	5 <i>The Barber of Seville</i> 7:30 PM	6	7 <i>Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci</i> 7:30 PM	8 <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> 7:00 PM
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23 <i>Stiffelio</i> 1:30 PM	24	25 Salute to the Stars Awards Luncheon** 11:30 AM <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> 7:00 PM	26 <i>Stiffelio</i> 7:30 PM	27 <i>The Barber of Seville</i> *** 1:30 PM	28 Apprentice Artists at Noon - 12:00 PM <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> 7:00 PM	29 <i>Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci</i> 1:30 PM <i>The Barber of Seville</i> 7:30 PM
30 <i>Stiffelio</i> 1:30 PM	31		Opera Lovers Weeks are March 19-30. See all 4 Winter Opera Festival productions in as few as 3 days.			

*Held at Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota **Held at Sarasota Yacht Club ***Valet parking is not available for this performance.

SPECIAL PACKAGES

TOWN CLUB (Tuesday Opera Women's Network)

The Barber of Seville – February 25, 2025

Stiffelio – March 18, 2025

Cavalleria rusticana/Pagliacci – March 11, 2025

The Marriage of Figaro – March 25, 2025

We invite you to the 7th season of TOWN Club. Join other women who love opera before each Tuesday subscription performance to mix and mingle and share their interest in learning about the art form. Additional \$25 membership fee.

All operas are performed in the original language with real-time English translations above the stage. Opera performances take place in the William E. Schmidt Opera Theatre of the Sarasota Opera House.