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Kids eight and older can experience the magic of opera, both behind the scenes and on stage, by attending Sarasota Youth Opera's summer camp.

Designed for all skill levels, Youth Opera camp engages young people in all facets of opera. A typical day includes sessions in singing, acting, sets, props, wigs, physical comedy, make-up, and costumes, all led by industry singers, artists, directors, musicians, and technicians.

All skill levels are welcome and there are no auditions.

Camp Sessions

For ages 8 to 10, a two-week session will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., weekdays, June 9-20. Participants must be 8 or older by Dec. 31, 2025. Tuition is \$350.

For ages 11 and above, a three-week session will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays, June 9-27. Participants must be 11 or older by Dec. 31, 2025. Tuition is \$525.

Pre and post care is available. The cost for pre care, 8:30-10 a.m., is \$25 per week. Post care, from 3-5 p.m., is \$25 per week. Pre and post care is available at \$40 per week.

Current Youth Opera members will receive a \$30 discount. A \$50 discount will be applied when two or more campers from the same family attend.

To be considered for tuition assistance, parents or guardians must fill out a series of questions. Decisions will be sent by email within five business days of application.

To register, visit <https://www.sarasotaopera.org/summer-camp>. For more information, call 941-328-1329 or email youthopera@sarasotaopera.org. Register by May 9 to secure a spot.

Sarasota Opera House is at 61 N. Pineapple Ave., in downtown Sarasota.

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 young singers are given a chance to shine.

Its 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.

Sarasota Youth Opera prides itself in encouraging personal and social growth in its members by fostering a sense of self-worth, self-esteem, leadership, accomplishment, pride, cooperation, and enriching the lives of young people of all backgrounds.

About Sarasota Opera

This is Sarasota Opera's 66th Season of bringing world-class opera to Florida's Gulf Coast. 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 Program in the U.S. The Sarasota Opera House, which underwent a \$20 million renovation and rehabilitation in 2007, has been called "one of America's finest venues for opera" by Musical America. Since 1983, the company has been under the artistic leadership of Victor DeRenzi and administrative leadership of General Director Richard Russell since 2012. 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. Sarasota Opera • 61 N. Pineapple Avenue • Sarasota, FL 34236 • (941) 366-8450 • SarasotaOpera.org.

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