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Sarasota Opera Welcomes Community to Free Open House

Sarasota, FL— The community will have the opportunity to enjoy a free peek inside all that Sarasota Opera has to offer at a free open house from noon to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 18. Take a backstage tour; hear opera arias and ensembles in the opera house; watch wig and makeup demonstrations, and meet our production directors who will talk about our upcoming productions. Select pieces from the company's extensive collection of more than 50,000 historic opera costumes will be on display. Complimentary refreshments will be served and special ticket offers will be available.

Artists appearing in the upcoming 2025 Winter Opera Festival productions of *Cavalleria rusticana* and *Pagliacci*, *The Barber of Seville*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, and *Stiffelio* will be on hand to share the excitement of the season.

The festive event will conclude with a special raffle drawing. For more information, visit sarasotaopera.org, call (941) 328-1300, or visit the box office in person at 61 N. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota. No reservations required. Contact the Sarasota Opera Marketing Department at marketing@sarasotaopera.org or visit the website at <https://www.sarasotaopera.org/open-house>

ABOUT SARASOTA OPERA

Sarasota Opera is entering its 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.

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