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Season 6 Brings Exciting Changes and Audience Favorites

Gulfshore Opera announces its sixth season with a vibrant new production of *La Bohème*. As announced this past January, Gulfshore Opera brings its grand-scale opera productions to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers on Wednesday, March 18. The new venue provides Gulfshore Opera the opportunity to bring Puccini's timeless masterpiece to life in a thrilling new production that is sure to wow audiences. A preview performance will be staged at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center Friday, March 13.

Metropolitan Opera baritone Nathan Gunn and his wife, collaborative pianist Julie Gunn are the featured artists for the Gulfshore Opera Gala, Sunday, February 16. Joined by GO's Professional Artists in Residence during the first half of the program, they will present popular opera scenes including Mr. Gunn's famous Papageno's Suicide scene from *The Magic Flute*. In the second half, Nathan and Julie Gunn will perform a program of American music.

Before high season, Gulfshore Opera will present the family-classic *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Menotti's one-act opera takes us back to the birth of the Christ Child and the journey that the Three Kings make to meet him. Along their way, they stop at the home of Amahl, young, crippled shepherd boy and his mother. In this 45-minute opera, we learn that through love alone a miracle can happen. In the spirit of Christmas, a portion of ticket proceeds will benefit homeless shelters in the community. Friday, December 27 at the St. Leo Catholic Church Parish Life Center in Bonita Springs, Saturday, December 28 at the Salvation Army in Naples, and Sunday, December 29 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Punta Gorda.

Not to be missed this season is the Passionate Puccini concert. Audiences who attended the Opera Meets Broadway Gala in season 5 will be delighted to hear soprano Robyn Lamp as a featured artist in this concert. The concert will feature scenes and arias from Puccini operas that explore the themes of love, death, familial and societal pressures. In addition, audiences will get a sneak peek into the upcoming production of *La Bohème*.

New to season 6 is Opera Goes to Church. Gulfshore Opera presents a program of prayerful pieces from great opera, traditional sacred music, gospel arrangements, and inspiring songs from American music theatre. GO Professional Artists in Residence are joined by the music program at North Naples Church to present this celebratory concert.

Perennial favorites for Gulfshore Opera audiences are the GO Cabaret and Taste of Opera series. GO Cabaret features nostalgic hits performed by GO's Professional Arts in Residence and a jazz trio featuring Tony Viviano on piano. The Taste of Opera series includes elegant dinners and arias and duets from opera and classic musical theatre. The two series tour throughout Southwest Florida in January and February.

Gulfshore Opera is dedicated to bringing high quality artists to Southwest Florida for its productions. Full casting of our season six Professional Artists in Residence will be announced in October.

Tickets are on sale now, by visiting www.gulfshoreopera.org or calling 239-529-3925.

Full event details below. For more information or questions, contact Patrick Joel Martin at 239-529-3925 or patrick@gulfshoreopera.org.

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La Bohème by Giacomo Puccini

March 13 – 7:00pm

Charlotte Performing Arts Center, Punta Gorda

Tickets: \$65 Premium Seating, \$50 Preferred Seating, \$35 Standard Seating,

March 18 – 7:00pm

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

Tickets: \$75 - \$28

Gulfshore Opera Gala

February 16 – 3:00pm

First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs (Concert)

The Club at the Strand, Naples (Gala)

Gala Package: \$250

Concert Only: \$68 Preferred Seating, \$48 Standard Seating, \$28 General Admission

Amahl and the Night Visitors

December 27 – 7:00pm

St. Leo Catholic Church Parish Life Center, Bonita Springs

Tickets: Youth & Students: \$10, \$35 General Admission, \$50 Premium Seating and Meet-the-Artists Reception.

A portion of ticket proceeds support the St. Matthew House.

December 28 – 7:00pm

Salvation Army, Naples

Tickets: Youth & Students: \$10, \$25 General Admission, \$35 Premium Seating.

A portion of ticket proceeds support the St. Matthew House and the Salvation Army.

December 29 – 4:00pm

Congregational United Church of Christ of Punta Gorda

Tickets: Youth & Students: \$10, \$25 General Admission, \$35 Premium Seating.

A portion of ticket proceeds support the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition.

Passionate Puccini

January 17 – 7:00pm

First United Methodist Church, Punta Gorda

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$35 Premium Seating

January 18 – 7:00pm

Rose History Auditorium, Marco Island

Tickets: \$35 General Admission, \$50 Premium Seating and Reception

January 23 – 7:00pm

Daniels Pavilion, Artis Naples – Naples

Tickets: \$49

February 8 – 7:00pm

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, Sanibel Island

Tickets: \$35 General Admission, \$50 Premium Seating

GO Cabaret

January 25 – 7:00pm

Sanibel Community House, Sanibel Island

Tickets: \$45, includes appetizers and wine

January 31 – 7:00pm

Naples Art Association, Naples

Tickets: \$50, includes appetizers and wine

February 1 – 7:00pm

Isles Yacht Club, Punta Gorda

Tickets: \$45, includes appetizers, cash bar

Taste of Opera

December 5 – 6:00pm

The Club at the Strand, Naples

Tickets: \$150

January 30 – 6:00pm

The Colony Golf & Country Club, Bonita Springs

Tickets: \$125

February 12 – 5:30pm

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, Port Charlotte

Tickets: \$75

February 27 – 6:00pm

Hideaway Beach Club, Marco Island

Tickets: \$150

Opera Goes to Church

February 9 – 4:00pm

North Naples Church, Naples

Tickets: \$30 General Admission, \$40 Premium Seating

Song & Dance

October 24 – 7:00pm

Gulfshore Ballet, Fort Myers

Tickets: \$75 Premium Seating, Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres, auction | \$45 Performance Only

Gulfshore Tenors

November 8 – 7:00pm

St. Leo Catholic Church Parish Life Center, Bonita Springs

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$40 Premium Seating and Reception

November 9 – 7:00pm

Military Heritage Museum's Gulf Theatre, Punta Gorda

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$35 Premium Seating

Christmas with the Gulfshore Tenors

December 7 – 7:00pm

Cultural Center Theater, Port Charlotte

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$35 Premium Seating

December 8 – 4:00pm

Naples Art Association, Naples

Tickets: \$35 General Admission, \$50 Premium Seating and Reception

Style & Song Luncheon

March 5 – 12:00pm

Grey Oaks Country Club

Tickets: \$75, includes lunch, style show, performances, and surprise gifts for all

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About Gulfshore Opera

Your regional opera company serving three counties, Gulfshore Opera presents the highest quality of opera theater and vocal music performances while maximizing accessibility for diverse audiences of all ages. Gulfshore Opera was founded with core values of a community based creative collaboration. The company also promotes community well-being through musical education programs. Its mission is to make opera accessible to the general public by maintaining affordable ticket prices, and a wide range of performance experiences suitable for diverse audiences.