



# Opera Guild of Southern Arizona

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## **Opera Preview: *Tosca***

You won't want to miss OGSA's free preview of Arizona Opera's upcoming *Tosca*. Iris Arnesen, who always seems to discover new and fascinating facts about the composers, music, and singers of opera, will narrate. Bonnie Bird, whose talented playing has graced many of our previews, will be our accompanist. The singers are Vanessa Salaz, soprano, as Tosca; Francisco Renteria, tenor, as Cavaradossi; and Lawrence Alexander, baritone, as the deliciously detestable Scarpia. All three have wonderful voices and will give our audiences a true taste of one of opera's most treasured gems.

The previews will be held on Wednesday, November 1, at 3:00 pm at the Oro Valley Library, and the "Brown Bag Preview," on Friday, November 3, 12:00 noon, at Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church. On Friday, come at 11:40 with your lunch, and enjoy cookies and beverages provided by the Opera Guild.



**A Night at the Opera with UASC**

The UA Singers Club (UASC) holds its next free Opera Night on November 21 at 6:30 PM in the Green Room of the Fred Fox School of Music building. A recorded Metropolitan Opera presentation will be screened and a light buffet served. As an Opera Guild member you are also a Community Member of UASC, and welcome to attend their many events, including master classes, recitals, and screenings such as this. To be notified of UASC events, just [register](#) for your free membership.

This is a great way to get to know the students and be a part of campus life. Contact [Dr. Andrew Stuckey](#), faculty adviser, with any questions.



## Special Opera Event at the JCC



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A not-to-be-missed opera event is coming on **Sunday, December 10**: the beautiful Sculpture Garden (see images below) at the Tucson Jewish Community Center ("the J") will be filled with the sound of arias sung by UA students. The event will be from **3:00 to 5:00 PM**. The sculptures are extraordinarily powerful, and the walk through the Sculpture Garden is easy on the feet but profound to the soul. The program will be sung against the curved wall, which acts as an acoustic band shell.

The J, UA's Fred Fox School of Music, and OGSA are collaborating on this new way to bring the gift of opera to our community. FFSOM's new opera director, Cynthia Stokes, has made an international reputation taking opera offsite, and this program will show you the benefits of opera in a different venue. Tickets are \$10, including the program and light refreshments, followed by an aria auction to benefit our scholarship fund. [Sign up](#) on the J's website.





## An Operatic Love Letter for Valentine's Day

Mark your calendars for a wonderful afternoon of "Love in Seville," on **Sunday, February 11**, at the beautiful home of member Carmen Dolny. There will be a paella luncheon including sangria, and arias by student singers. The cost is only \$30.



## Custom-Designed Opera Clutch Available



You can own a beautiful embroidered clutch, made and donated by member Mercedes Gonzalez, for only \$25. Clutches are lined and zippered. Any size you want can be made. They also are great gifts for your musically inclined friends. Call Carol Garrard at (520) 577-5168.



## Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, October 29**—Marguerite Ough Vocal Competition, Holsclaw Hall, UA Fred Fox School of Music, 1 pm
- **Wednesday, November 1**—Say "Hello" to Opera - *Tosca* (Puccini), Oro Valley Public Library, 1205 W Naranja, 3 pm

- **Friday, November 3**—Brownbag Opera Preview - *Tosca* (Puccini), Grace-St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 Adams St., 12 noon
- **Saturday, November 11**—Arizona Opera, *Tosca* (Puccini), Tucson Music Hall, 7:30 pm
- **Sunday, November 12**—Arizona Opera, *Tosca* (Puccini), Tucson Music Hall, 2:00 pm
- **Friday, November 17**—Opera Guild Board Meeting, Habitat for Humanity, 3501 Mountain Ave., 10 am
- **Friday, November 17**—UA Opera Theater, *The Rape of Lucretia* (Britten), Crowder Hall, UA Fred Fox School of Music, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, November 18**—Met Opera Live in HD, *The Exterminating Angel* (Ades), 11 am
- **Sunday, November 19**—UA Opera Theater, *The Rape of Lucretia* (Britten), Crowder Hall, UA Fred Fox School of Music, 3 pm
- **Tuesday, November 21**—The UA Singers Club Opera Night, Green Room, UA Fred Fox School of Music, 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, December 10**—Opera in the Sculpture Garden, Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3:00 pm

Please note that Met HD presentations are generally repeated on the following Wednesday. [Find your theater](#) to check times, prices, etc.

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