

# *Opera Viva!*

*2024*

*An opportunity for young vocalists, collaborative pianists and stage directors to study and perform in Verona, Italy, a location steeped in the musical and cultural history of Italian opera.*



# APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2024 SEASON

Our session in Verona will be held  
on the following dates:

**June 30 – July 21, 2024**



*Opera Viva! offers a unique educational and travel experience. The program for young artists provides the perfect balance between classes, concert performances, planned events and independent exploration.*



*The program develops each voice through private lessons and coaching, classroom instruction in the Italian language, acting and stage directing, opera scenes and concert repertoire.*



*Masterclasses in sacred music, career preparation, musical theater performance and Alexander Technique are also included. Every student performs in three public recitals featuring solo concert repertoire, opera arias and opera scenes.*



# The Opera Viva! Schedule

## Daily Schedule

9:00 – 10:00	Italian language class
10:00 – 11:00	Masterclasses Week 1: sacred concert repertoire Week 2: career development Week 3: musical theater crossover
11:00 – 12:00	Recitative/stage directing (alternate days)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 7:00	Private lessons, coaching, private career development and scene rehearsals



## Other Activities



- Attending an opera performance each week at *l'Arena di Verona*
- Weekly student performances
- Free time on weekends to explore Verona and the surrounding region

# *Application & Tuition*

**The application deadline for Opera Viva! 2024 is March 1, 2024.**

Tuition for the 3-week session is \$5,500.

Tuition includes:

- *Private voice lessons (twice weekly)*
- *Private opera coaching (twice weekly)*
- *Italian language classes (daily)*
- *Italian concert repertoire master classes*
- *Professional coaching and performances of opera scenes*
- *Private musical theater lessons*
- *Private Italian Diction coaching*
- *Alexander Technique coaching*
- *Tickets to opera performances at l’Arena di Verona (weekly)*
- *Accompanists for lessons, coaching and performances*
- *Recital/performance opportunities for every participant*
- *Welcome gathering with refreshments*
- *Farewell dinner*
- *Air-conditioned apartment, double or triple occupancy*

Accommodations are centrally located within easy walking distance of Verona’s historic city center. We reside, study and rehearse in one convenient location. The [Residence All’Adige](#) features lovely air-conditioned apartments, generous classrooms and rehearsal space.

Tuition does not include:

- *Flights or transportation fees*
- *Food or personal expenses*
- *Passports or legal fees*
- *Phone calls*



# Application


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Submit your application at

<https://italyoperaviva.com/young-artists/young-artists-application/>

## Application Requirements

- Your name, mailing address & email address
  - Your phone number
  - Data of birth
  - School or university name
  - Voice teacher's name and email address
  - Link to an online video (e.g., YouTube) of you performing two (2) Italian arias
  - Your résumé
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- A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a black long-sleeved top and a white pleated skirt, is performing in a grand, ornate hall. She is looking slightly to her right and appears to be singing or speaking. The background features classical architecture, including columns and a statue.
- A **\$50 application fee is required from all applicants** at the time of applying.



*Select Opera Viva! Faculty*



Filippo Ciabatti  
Dartmouth College



Katherine Ciesinski  
Eastman School of Music



Lisa Sylvester  
University of  
Southern California



Kerry Deal  
Boston Conservatory

# About *Opera Viva!*

2024 is the fifteenth joyous year for our program for young artists and opera lovers in Verona, Italy.

Founded by **Dr. Madelyn Spring Gearheart**, *Opera Viva!* delivers three programs each summer:

- Our Young Artists program follows a **pedagogical model of opera studies**, giving students the tools they need to advance to the next level of their professional preparation.
- Our Professional Development program provides **networking opportunities for music educators** to develop ideas for the curricula at their college or university.
- Our Bravo Club program for tourists brings **lovers of opera and Italian culture** to Verona to see the sights, taste the tastes and delve into the world of Italian opera through touring the region, seeing world-class performances at *l'Arena di Verona*, and supporting the development of young artists at the onset of their careers.



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