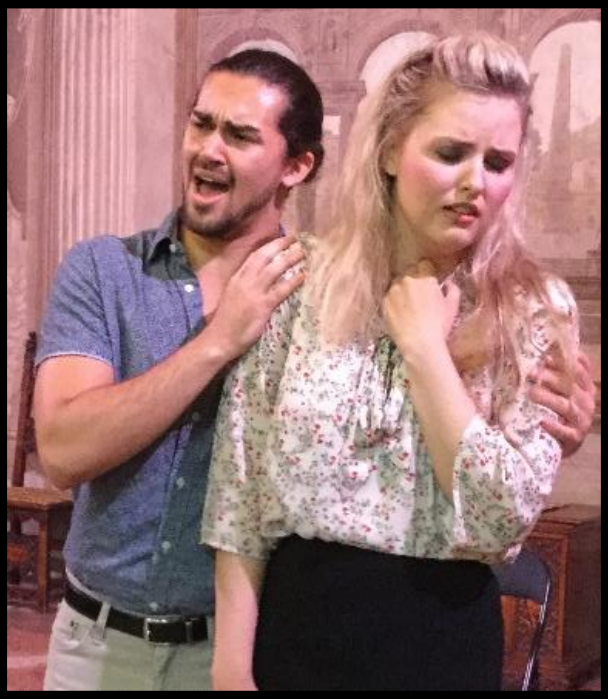
Opera Viva!

2027

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 2027 SEASON

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

June 27 – July 18, 2027

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 and performance are also included. Every student performs in three public recitals featuring solo concert repertoire, opera arias and opera scenes.

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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: musical theater
	Week 3: career development
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

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Application & Tuition

The application deadline for Opera Viva! 2027 is February 15, 2027.

Tuition for the 3-week session is $5,900.

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

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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

- A **$50 application fee is required from all applicants** at the time of applying.

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Select Opera Viva! Faculty

Gerardo Felisatti

Conservatorio di Stato di Trapani

Katherine Ciesinski

Eastman School of Music

Kerry Deal

Boston Conservatory at Berklee

Joyce Fieldsend

Royal College of Music, London

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About *Opera Viva!*

2027 is the nineteenth joyous year for our program for young artists and opera lovers in Verona, Italy. Founded by **Dr. Madelyn Spring Gearheart**, *Opera Viva!* delivers a three-week program each summer for singers, stage directors and conductors.

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.

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