

OPERA ROANOKE

50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



LOVE AND SACRIFICE

2025-2026 SEASON



Dear Opera Family,

It is with immense joy and gratitude that we welcome you to a truly special milestone in our company's history. For five decades, Opera Roanoke has been a home for extraordinary music, passionate storytelling, and a vibrant community of artists and audiences who believe in the transformative power of opera. As we celebrate our golden anniversary, we honor the visionaries who founded this company, the countless individuals who have sustained it, and the many more who continue to shape its future.

This season is a tribute to the heart and soul of Opera Roanoke. From beloved masterworks to fresh community collaborations, we've crafted a lineup that reflects the rich legacy and bright future of opera in our region. Whether you're a lifelong patron or joining us for the first time, we invite you to experience the passion, beauty, and humanity that defines this art form.

Opera has always been about connection—between artist and audience, tradition and innovation, music and emotion. As we look ahead to the next 50 years, our commitment to artistic excellence, community engagement, and educational outreach remains as strong as ever. With your continued support and enthusiasm, Opera Roanoke will keep creating unforgettable moments for generations to come.

Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary journey. Here's to 50 years of opera in the Roanoke Valley—and to the many stories still waiting to be told. We can't wait to share this season with you.

With gratitude and excitement,
Brooke Tolley
General Director

Love and Sacrifice: *A Tribute to the Heart of Opera Roanoke*

SEPT. 21, 2025 | 2:00PM, JEFFERSON CENTER

Opera Roanoke kicks off its 50TH Anniversary Season with an unforgettable evening of passion, drama, and timeless music! *Love and Sacrifice: A Tribute to the Heart of Opera Roanoke* brings you the powerful final acts of three of opera's most beloved works: Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, Verdi's *La traviata*, and Massenet's *Thaïs*.

These moving stories of love and heartbreak capture the very soul

of opera—and of Opera Roanoke's legacy. Whether you're a long-time opera lover or curious to experience it for the first time, this celebratory concert is the perfect way to start the season. Come be a part of the magic!

This concert will feature three powerhouse sopranos in their signature roles – **Yunah Lee, Amy Cofield, and Nicole Heaston** – with additional guest soloists.



YUNAH LEE



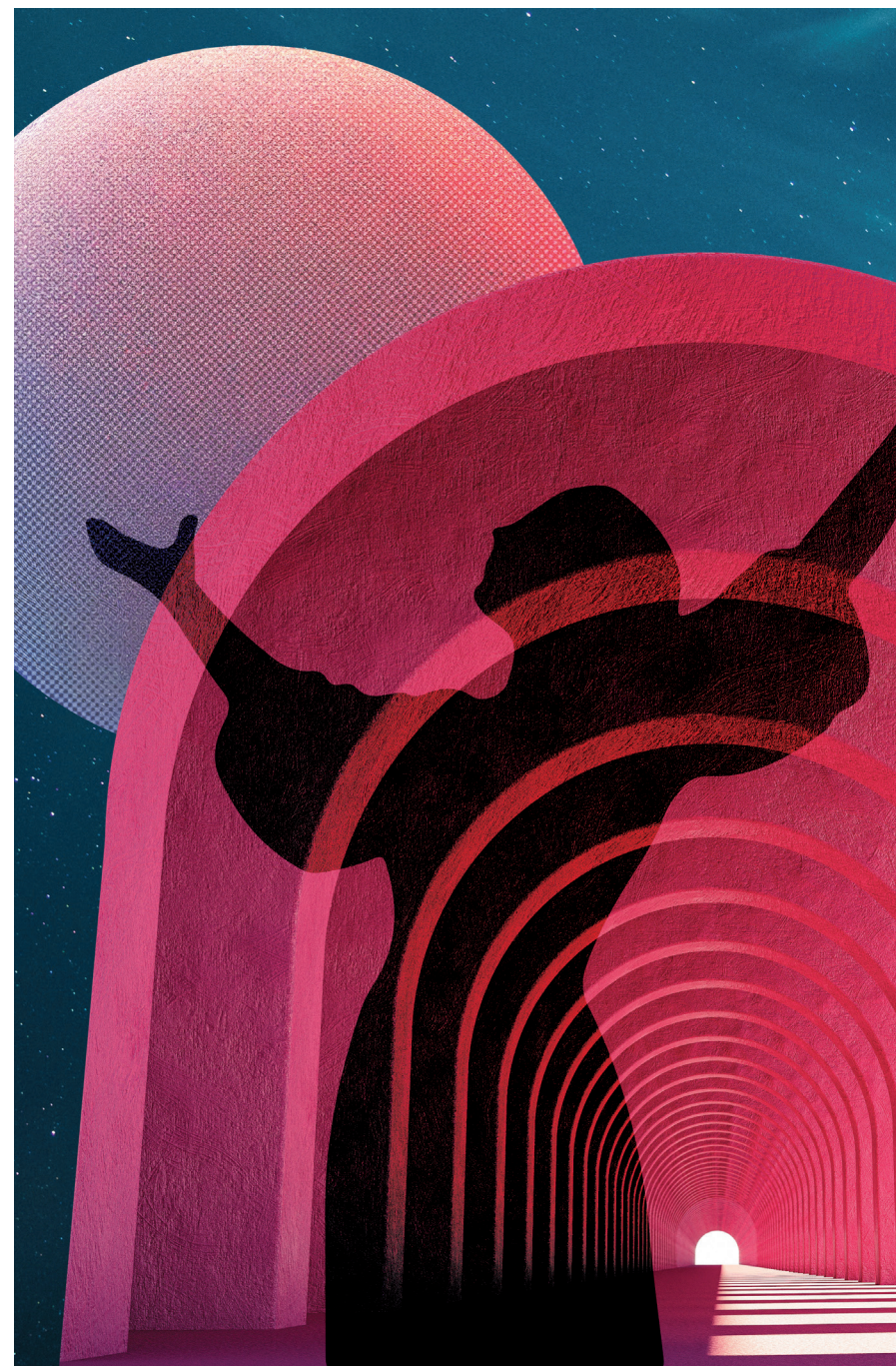
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Hansel and Gretel: *Englebert Humperdinck*

MARCH 27, 2026 | 7:30PM, JEFFERSON CENTER

MARCH 29, 2026 | 2:30PM, JEFFERSON CENTER

Come experience the wonder of opera through a story you know and love! Journey with Opera Roanoke into the woods, where magic and adventure await. This fully staged, family-friendly fairy tale brings the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale to life with lush music, colorful staging, and a touch of magic.

Follow Hansel and Gretel as they wander deep into the forest, stumble upon a gingerbread house, and come face to face with a wicked witch who has a hunger for more than just sweets!

Opera Roanoke is delighted to partner with the Botetourt Music Academy for this performance.



Opera Roanoke 50th Anniversary *Gala Celebration*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 | 6:00-10:00PM

ROANOKE COUNTRY CLUB

Save the date for Opera Roanoke's 50TH Anniversary Golden Gala Celebration. Join us for an elegant evening featuring a delectable plated dinner, drinks, and live entertainment that will have you dancing the night away. This special event honors five decades of bringing exquisite opera to our community and offers a glimpse into our exciting future. Come celebrate this milestone with us and be part of the magic that is Opera Roanoke! *Formal invitation to follow.*



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Opera Roanoke Young Artists

Upcoming Performances

Golden Extravaganza:

Voices of the Future

OCTOBER 19, 2025 | 3:00PM
TALMADGE RECITAL HALL,
HOLLINS UNIVERSITY

The Magic Flute:

Die Zauberflöte

MAY 2, 2026 | 6:00-8:00PM
LOCATION TBD

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Handel's Messiah Sing-Along

NOVEMBER 22, 2025 | 7:00PM

RALEIGH COURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA

Led by Dillon Swanson, Opera Roanoke Chorus Master, in partnership with Roanoke Baroque.

Lift your voice and join the celebration at Opera Roanoke's Messiah Sing-Along! Whether you're a seasoned chorister or just love to sing in the shower, this joyful community event invites everyone to be part of Handel's timeless masterpiece.

Bring your score (or borrow one at the door!) and sing along with our Opera Roanoke Young Artists, chorus, and the Roanoke Baroque chamber orchestra in this festive, heartwarming holiday tradition. No rehearsal, no pressure—just glorious music and the magic of raising our voices together. All are welcome!

FREE to attend. Donations appreciated.



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Ticket Information

BOX OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 10AM-2PM

CALL: 540-982-ARIA (2742)

ONLINE: OPERAROANOKE.ORG

IN PERSON: 20 CHURCH AVE. SE, 3RD FLOOR, ROANOKE, VA 24011

SINGLE TICKETS

Rear Orchestra/Rear Balcony	\$23
Side Orchestra/Side Balcony	\$45
Center Orchestra	\$70
2nd Row Loge	\$90
Front Balcony/1st Row Loge	\$132

SUBSCRIPTION PRICING

2 SHOWS - 15% DISCOUNT - BEFORE JUNE 30 (Does not include Rear sections)

Rear Orchestra/Rear Balcony	\$46
Side Orchestra/Side Balcony	\$77
Center Orchestra	\$119
2nd Row Loge	\$153
Front Balcony/1st Row Loge	\$224

2 SHOWS - 10% DISCOUNT - AFTER JUNE 30 (Does not include Rear sections)

Rear Orchestra/Rear Balcony	\$46
Side Orchestra/Side Balcony	\$81
Center Orchestra	\$126
2nd Row Loge	\$162
Front Balcony/1st Row Loge	\$238

ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS

STUDENTS: 50% discount at any ticket level

GROUP TICKETS: 20% discount on groups of 10 or more

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