

# OPERA NAPLES

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OPERA NAPLES, THEATER IN THE GARDEN AND THE LUCIANO PAVAROTTI FOUNDATION: FUNDING SECURED FOR LAND PURCHASE OF THE U.S. HOME OF THE LUCIANO PAVAROTTI FOUNDATION**

### **Seven-figure funding has been secured to purchase land for international center for the arts in Naples, Florida**

**NAPLES, FL (January 14, 2025)** – Opera Naples, Theater in the Garden and the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation jointly announce that a seven-figure gift has been secured for the intended purchase of land to build an international center for the arts in Naples. The funding source remains anonymous at this time.

As was announced in November 2023, Nicoletta Pavarotti, the President of the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation, has warmly accepted an invitation to create a U.S. home for her organization on this land. It is planned to be a multi-purpose space designed to honor the legacy and vision of the world-renowned tenor while also fulfilling the long-standing need for such a multi-use facility in Naples. The property will embrace a 900-seat state-of-the-art indoor theater, an outdoor amphitheater in a landscaped garden setting, an Opera Museum, The Luciano Pavarotti Foundation Opera Naples International Voice Competition and an Opera-themed Restaurant. It will be the first Foundation location to be established outside Modena, Italy.

“I am beyond grateful to our anonymous donor for guaranteeing the funding to purchase the land for our grand vision,” Nicoletta Pavarotti commented. “The Luciano Pavarotti Foundation has greatly enjoyed our partnership with Opera Naples over this past year, including our exciting performances happening this weekend of Don Pasquale and our International Voice Competition. We believe we have tremendous momentum started as our partnership continues to blossom, and we can all dream together with Theater in the Garden about the artistic greatness we will achieve in the years to come.”

Theater in the Garden will also house the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation Opera Naples Academy, aligned with Luciano Pavarotti’s wish to see the continued advancement of the appreciation of all forms of vocal performance, and the support, encouragement and development of the next generation

of exceptional young singers, especially those from underprivileged backgrounds. The Academy will provide students with voice, acting and diction lessons, and provide opportunities to showcase their talent through public performances. The state-of-the-art indoor theater and the outdoor amphitheater in the surrounding gardens will be available for use by the Academy, and other performing arts groups based in Collier County.

Theatrical costumes worn by stars of the great opera houses of the world, and posters, scores, photographs, videos and a lifetime of memorabilia will be part of the Opera Museum.

Estimated to cost \$25-30 million, Theater in the Garden will serve as a cultural epicenter for generations. It will host various performing arts, supporting members of the United Arts Collier and beyond, providing a place for both artists to showcase their talents and for the community to enjoy the arts like never before in Southwest Florida.

Through Theater in the Garden, Pavarotti's musical legacy and the world opera tradition will profoundly impact the cultural arts of Southwest Florida and well beyond.

Those who are passionate about advancing world-class art and supporting the development of Theater in the Garden and the first U.S. home for the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation are encouraged to call (239) 404-6765 or email [info@theaterinthegarden.com](mailto:info@theaterinthegarden.com).

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**Theater in the Garden** was conceived by founding member of Opera Naples Livio Ferrari and was further developed in partnership with Luciano Pavarotti's widow, Nicoletta Pavarotti, The Luciano Pavarotti Foundation and a conceptual team. Filling a void in Southwest Florida's cultural and performing arts scene, Theater in the Garden will serve as an international center for the arts and the United States location for The Luciano Pavarotti Foundation. For more information, visit [theaterinthegarden.com](http://theaterinthegarden.com).

**The Luciano Pavarotti Foundation** is a non-profit organization with a double goal: to keep alive the human and artistic memory of Maestro Pavarotti through major international events and to support promising young opera singers. For more information, visit [lucianopavarottifoundation.com/en](http://lucianopavarottifoundation.com/en).

**Opera Naples** is an artistic powerhouse, dedicated to presenting high-quality opera productions and concerts featuring prominent international, national and regional performers and directors. Opera Naples has presented well-known grand operas such as *La bohème*, *Carmen*, *Faust*, *La Traviata*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Rigoletto*, *Tosca* and more. An advocate of community service and education outreach, Opera Naples has introduced opera to more than 64,000 children since its inception through various programs, including in-school programs and performances in Lee and Collier counties, the Resident Artists Program and Summer Youth Program. The company is also committed to nurturing promising young talent through the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation Opera Naples Academy led by a faculty of prominent opera luminaries who offer an immersive program of vocal instruction, lectures and masterclasses. In collaboration with the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation, Opera Naples also hosts an International Voice Competition, in partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University. The company has earned local, regional and state government support. For more information, visit [OperaNaples.org](http://OperaNaples.org).

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