

**FLORIDA GRAND OPERA TO PERFORM
ART-INSPIRED REPERTOIRE AT
NSU ART MUSEUM FORT LAUDERDALE**



Featuring musical selections inspired by the exhibition
Bellissima: Italy and High Fashion 1945-1968
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 | 3:30 pm
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale

Fort Lauderdale – March 22, 2016 –Florida Grand Opera (FGO) and NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale will present the fourth installment of “Art Inspired Song” on **Tuesday, April 19**, at 3:30pm. This popular series of public concerts features FGO Young Artists performing pieces reflecting thematic and time period components from the Museum’s current exhibition.

For the April 19 concert, FGO’s Young Artists will perform music complementing the exhibition *Bellissima; Italy and High Fashion 1945-1968*. The program will highlight examples from the rich body of Italian opera and art songs, including selections by Bellini, Puccini, Mozart and others. Justin Moss of the Florida Grand Opera will introduce the program and provide commentary connecting the repertoire to the exhibition.

The concert is free with museum admission. Museum admission is \$12 for non-members; \$8 for seniors and students with ID; free for children under 12. Fees are waived for museum members as well as FGO donors and subscribers;

Prior to the concert, concertgoers can enjoy a traditional tea in the Museum at 2:30pm. Cost of the tea is \$28 for Museum Members, FGO donors and subscribers; \$34 for non-members. This price also includes admission to the performance. Advance reservations required.

Reservations for both concert and tea are required. Tea Reservations required by April 15. RSVP by email to moareservations@moafl.org or call (954) 262-0258.

For additional information visit nsuartmuseum.org or 954-525-5500.

ABOUT NSU ART MUSEUM FORT LAUDERDALE

Founded in 1958, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is a premier destination for exhibitions and programs encompassing all facets of civilization's visual history. Located midway between Miami and Palm Beach in downtown Fort Lauderdale's arts and entertainment district, the Art Museum's distinctive 83,000 square-foot modernist building, which opened in 1986, was designed by renowned architect Edward Larrabee Barnes and contains over 25,000 square feet of exhibition space, the 256-seat Horvitz auditorium, museum store and cafe. Bonnie Clearwater, who became NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale's Director and Chief Curator in 2013, directs its international exhibition program, which aims to challenge viewers' perceptions of the world around them. In 2008, the Art Museum became part of Nova Southeastern University, one of the largest private, research universities in the United States.

Exhibitions and programs at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale are made possible in part by a challenge grant from the David and Francie Horvitz Family Foundation. Funding is also provided by Nova Southeastern University, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

ABOUT FLORIDA GRAND OPERA

Florida Grand Opera (FGO), the oldest performing arts organization in Florida, celebrates its 75th year of continuously producing grand opera during the 2015-16 Season. The mainstage operas of the season include: Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* (November 14–December 5, 2015), Bellini's *Norma* (January 23–February 11, 2016), Weinberg's *The Passenger* (April 2–9, 2016), and Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* (May 7–14, 2016).

FGO is now asking all those who enjoy and support grand opera in South Florida to make their gifts or pledge today. For more information, or to make a pledge please contact Individual Giving Officer Carlton Ford at cford@fgo.org or call 305.403.3320.

Founded in 1941 as Greater Miami Opera and later merging with The Opera Guild Inc. in 1994, FGO presents a mixture of standard repertoire and contemporary works as well as commissions and new productions – all featuring projected translations in English and Spanish. FGO is recognized for funding by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Funding is also provided, in part, by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, Cultural Affairs Council, the Mayor and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council. Program support is provided by the City of Miami Beach, Cultural Affairs Program, and Cultural Arts Council. Florida Grand Opera is a Resident Company of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County and a member company of OPERA America. Intercontinental Miami is the Official Hotel and Steinway & Sons is the Official Piano of Florida Grand Opera

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