



The Ringling

SARASOTA COUNTY Arts & Culture

Also known as Florida's Cultural Coast,[®] Sarasota County draws artists and art lovers alike who wish to be inspired and awed. The area has venues that host a diverse group of organizations from the city's own ballet and opera companies to traveling Broadway shows and world-famous acts. Art Galleries and studios are abundant and showcase local and international works, as do dynamic museums in our area. While the Ringling name is synonymous with the circus, it's also attached to a renowned art museum and a college of art & design.

Arts & Culture Highlights



- In 2027, The Ringling will celebrate its 100th anniversary, commemorating a century since John and Mable Ringling established their visionary cultural legacy in Sarasota—one that continues to inspire visitors through world-class art, history, architecture, and circus heritage.
- Downtown Sarasota is filled with magnificent public art - from the unexpected murals and sculptures to the surprising, like fairy doors and whimsical bikes.
- Sarasota County's year-round arts calendar features more than a dozen signature festivals celebrating film, visual arts, music, performance, and cultural heritage.
- The region's performing arts scene is anchored by acclaimed organizations including Sarasota Opera, Sarasota Ballet, Sarasota Orchestra, Florida Studio Theatre, and Asolo Repertory Theatre, the largest professional repertory theater in the Southeastern United States.
- In 2026, Sarasota Orchestra Music Director Giancarlo Guerrero took the stage at Super Bowl LX, highlighting the global reach and influence of Sarasota County's arts community.
- The Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County strengthens the region's vibrant creative ecosystem, helping connect artists, organizations, and audiences while elevating Sarasota County's reputation as a premier arts and culture destination.

