

# Honolulu Museum of Art

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## **MUSEUM PRESENTS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ACCLAIMED OPERATIC CONTRALTOS: SONIA PRINA**

*To experience such a powerful opera singer in an intimate theater setting  
is an exceedingly rare opportunity.*

**WHAT:** Sonia Prina Live

**WHEN:** August 10, 2016

**TICKETS:** \$50 general admission, \$45 museum members

**INFO:** 532-6097, <mailto:ddt@honolulumuseum.org>, [www.honolulumuseum.org](http://www.honolulumuseum.org)  
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**HONOLULU, HAWAI‘I**—It’s not every day that the museum hosts one of the world’s most famous operatic contraltos. For that matter, it’s not every year, or decade even. Now, however, audiences will have the chance to see a true master in action when Italian singer Sonia Prina performs aria from Handel and Vivaldi in the intimate setting of the Doris Duke Theatre.

Sonia Prina is one of the most celebrated singers of her generation. She studied at the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatorio di musica in Milan (vocals and trumpet faculties). In 1996 she was admitted to the Academy of Young Singers of the Teatro alla Scala, and in 1997 she began to appear in performances (generally baroque repertoire).

Prina’s fast coloratura and dark timbre won her international acclaim at the world’s top opera houses. Her accolades include the prestigious *Premio Franco Abbiati della critica musicale* (2006) and the *Tiberini d’oro prize* (2014), with which she was honored as best singer of the year.

Engagements in recent years include title roles in Handel’s opera *Rinaldo* (Glyndebourne Festival and La Scala), *Orlando* at the Sydney Opera House and *Tamerlano* at the Munich Staatsoper as well as Mozart’s opera *Ascanio in Alba* at the Salzburg Festival. She has also performed the role of Clarice in Rossini’s opera *La pietra del paragone* at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris.

For her Doris Duke Theatre performance, Prina will be accompanied by Todd

Beckham on the harpsichord.

More information about Sonia Prina is available on the [Mariinsky Theatre website](#).

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### **Doris Duke Theatre information:**

The Doris Duke Theatre opens its doors on Kīna‘u Street one half-hour before each film screening and concert.

**Concert tickets:** Available at the theater door on the day of the concert, beginning on half-hour before the performance, or online in advance.

**Concert admission:** Varies; free for children 17 and under

**Film tickets:** Available at the theater door on the day of screening, beginning one half-hour before each showing, or online in advance.

**Film admission:** \$10 general admission; \$8 museum members; free for children 17 and under

**Matinee Rewards Card:** Pick one up at the theater box office. When theatergoers attend three matinees, they receive free admission to a fourth screening. Or they can bring three friends to a single matinee and receive free admission to a future screening. The free screening pass is valid for three months.

**Concession stand:** In the lobby, visitors can purchase bags of glazed pecans, coconut ginger, chocolate- and Kona coffee–coated macadamia nuts, and butter crunch vanilla macadamia nuts, for \$6 per bag. Also on the menu are handmade desserts and baked goods from Yummy Tummy, including peanut butter-oats-and-cranberry energy balls, green tea rice crispy treats and mini cookies (\$3-\$7). Drinks: coffee, hot tea, Arizona Green Tea, Vitamin Water, and bottled water (\$2-\$3).

### **About the Honolulu Museum of Art**

One of the world’s premier art museums, the Honolulu Museum of Art presents international caliber special exhibitions and features a collection that includes

Hokusai, van Gogh, Gauguin, Monet, Picasso and Warhol, as well as traditional Asian and Hawaiian art.

Located in two of Honolulu's most beautiful buildings, visitors enjoy two cafés, gardens, and films and concerts at the theater. The museum is dedicated to bringing together great art and people to create a more harmonious, adaptable, and enjoyable society in Hawai'i.

**Locations:**

Honolulu Museum of Art: 900 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House: 2411 Makiki Heights Drive

Honolulu Museum of Art School: 1111 Victoria Street

Honolulu Museum of Art at First Hawaiian Center: 999 Bishop Street

Honolulu Museum of Art Doris Duke Theatre: 901 Kinau Street (at rear of museum)

**Website:** [www.honolulumuseum.org](http://www.honolulumuseum.org)

**Phone:** [808-532-8700](tel:808-532-8700)

**Hours:**

Honolulu Museum of Art: Tues–Sat 10 am–4:30pm; Sun 1–5 pm; closed Monday.

Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House: Tues–Sat 10am–4pm; Sun noon–4pm

**Admission (permits entry to both museums on the same day):**

\$10 general admission; children 17 and under are free.

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