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**Sister Cities Association of Sarasota**

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## **SARASOTA SISTER CITIES ANNOUNCES THE ONE WORLD AWARD GALA – NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

**The Sister Cities Association of Sarasota (SCAS) will hold its ONE WORLD AWARD (OWA) Gala on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Michael's on East at 5:00 PM.**

The One World Award is our premier international award that honors one remarkable individual and one organization that have enhanced “understanding and respect” among citizens of the world through their extraordinary work or volunteer service.

Receiving the ONE WORLD **INDIVIDUAL** AWARD is **Maestro Victor DeRenzi**, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Sarasota Opera for his extraordinary contributions to our city and the exceptional completion of the Verdi Cycle.

This award shines the spotlight on individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their continued ability to create and maintain strong bonds of peace and understanding among the world's citizens through their extraordinary work and service to the community.

Receiving the ONE WORLD **ORGANIZATION** AWARD is **the Sarasota Opera. Richard Russell**, General Director of the Sarasota Opera will accept the award on behalf of the company.

Sarasota Sister Cities is a local nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that works to promote and strengthen ties between Sarasota our 8 international Sister and Friendship cities: Perpignan, France; Dunfermline, Scotland; Vladimir, Russia, Tel Mond, Israel; Xiamen, Siming District, China; Mérida, Yucatán, México; Vladimir, Russia; Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland; and Busseto, Italy (the home of Maestro Giuseppe Verdi).

These relationships provide the foundation for cooperation between our cities through educational, cultural, business, municipal, technical, and professional projects, and exchanges.

For more information about Sister Cities, visit [www.sarasotasistercities.org](http://www.sarasotasistercities.org)

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