

PALM BEACH OPERA

Opening Night Dinner



Palm Beach Opera (PBO) celebrated opening night of *Falstaff* at the Kravis Center's Cohen Pavilion, toasting to the final mainstage opera of the 2023 Season and the historic company premiere of Verdi's final opera.

An elegant and exclusive experience, PBO's *Opening Night Dinner* features a pre-performance dinner, drinks, and a unique introduction to the show by General and Artistic Director **David Walker** prior to opening night of each mainstage opera performance at the Kravis Center.

Palm Beach Opera's final *Opening Night Dinner* of the season began with a warm welcome from Palm Beach Opera's Board Chairman **David Genser** followed by an introduction by General and Artistic Director David Walker, who celebrated the company premiere, highlighted PBO's record-breaking season, and announced the repertoire for 2024.

"We are thrilled to close our successful 2023 Season with Verdi's cherished *Falstaff*, presented at Palm Beach Opera for the very first time in our 61-year history," said Walker. "We are also incredibly proud to share that we've welcomed over 900 brand-new households and exceeded all of our earned income goals this season, a testament to PBO's impact, sustainability, and bright season ahead."

PBO's *Falstaff* was generously underwritten by members of the company's Co-Producer Society, **Producer Bloomberg Philanthropies**; Triple Co-Producer **Sanford Baklor**, in memory of **Arlene Kaufman**; Double Co-Producer **Patricia Lester**; Co-Producers **Randell and Rebecca Doane**, and **Joan and David Genser**; Associate Co-Producers **Sandra and Paul Goldner**; and Assistant Co-Producers **Lee and Jeffrey Alderton**, **David Brodsky**, **Jennifer and James Takats**, **the Frisbie Family Fund of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties**, and the **BMC Charitable Foundation, Inc.**

Carole and Stefano Acunto, **Lee and Jeffrey Alderton**, **Maxine Marks and Sanford Baklor**, **Anne Bazik**, **Meg and Robert Biscup**, **Julie and Robert Desnick**, **Rebecca and Randell Doane**, **Lauren and Terry Duffy**, **Patricia Falkenberg**, **Isanne and Sanford Fisher**, **Joan and David Genser**, **Sandra and Paul Goldner**, **Arlette Gordon**, **Judy and Jerry Kaufman**, **Monica and Scott Laurans**, **Elaine and Peter McCombs**, **Anka Palitz**, **Nancy and Ellis Jay Parker**, **John Raggio**, **Ari Rifkin**, **Roseanne and Dennis Williams**, and Palm Beach Opera's General and Artistic Director **David Walker** were all in attendance among others.

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FIRST ROW: Arlette Gordon and David Walker; Joan and David Genser; **SECOND ROW:** Lee and Jeffrey Alderton; Judy and Jerry Kaufman; **THIRD ROW:** Ari Rifkin, Gail Worth and Maude Cook; William Porter and Lois Pope; **FOURTH ROW:** Charles and Merrill Gottesman; John and Donna K. Raggio.

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