

Choices

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ISO opens season with FSC Chorus

■ **LAKELAND** What amounts to a celebration of opera — a mix of overtures, arias, marches and ensembles — will be presented when the Imperial Symphony Orchestra, in its season opening performances, joins forces with Florida Southern College's Concert Chorale for two separate concerts on Monday and Tuesday.

Featuring mezzo-soprano Diane Willis Stahl as guest artist, the program is called "In Love With Opera," and will be performed in the two concerts at FSC's Branscomb Auditorium.

The concerts include many favorites: "The Overture" to "The Barber of Seville," "Orchestral Suite No. 1" and "Habanera" from "Carmen," "Triumphal March" from "Aida" and "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" from Nabucco. Stahl, who has sung throughout the United States and Europe, will sing arias from Mozart's "Così Fan Tutti" and "La Clemenza di Tito," Rossini's "Barber of Seville" and Massenet's "Werther."

The first show is part of FSC's Fine Arts Series, while the second show is part of the ISO's concert series. Both shows begin at 8 p.m.

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Brass ensemble to debut new works at museum

■ **LAKELAND** The weekend offers two opportunities to hear compositions by Lakeland composer Howard J. Buss.

His "Concord for Brass Quintet" will be performed by the Mid-Florida Brass Quintet in a free concert tonight at the Polk Museum of Art, at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, "Wave Train," Buss's colorful work for flute and marimba will receive its premiere performance in Tampa at the University of South Florida's Music Recital Hall. The new composition will be performed by flutist Kim McCormick and percussionist Robert McCormick.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. show are available at the door and are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.



The Mid-Florida Brass — from left Don McLaurin, Tom Glaister, Roxanne McQuillen, Larry Burke (seated), Jane Sholine and Eric Mendez — will perform tonight at the Polk Museum of Art.