



VOA is an international academy for opera singers, taking place in Aveiro, Portugal, in September 2026. Developed in collaboration with Opera Nómada and Orquestra das Beiras, VOA brings together a small and carefully selected group of singers for two weeks of focused, high-level artistic work, in a programme ranging from intensive masterclasses to a full opera production.

VOA is for singers who are ready to work - a place to deepen repertoire, character, and craft, in the beautiful city of Aveiro.

## ***Voice Lab***

An intensive week of vocal work, combining masterclasses, repertoire coaching, and movement sessions, tailored to the specific goals of each participant - whether preparing a role, audition repertoire, or simply the desire to grow artistically.

What's included:

- Daily masterclasses with Borja Mariño (30 mins per day)
- Daily repertoire coaching sessions (30 mins per day)
- Group movement sessions
- Talks on the profession and international career
- Final presentation with audio and video recording

Dates: 8 to 14 September 2026 (final presentation on 14 September)

Location: Aveiro, Portugal

# Opera Studio

A full opera production centred on the four main characters of Puccini's La Bohème - Mimì, Rodolfo, Musetta and Marcello. With a double cast, participants will work on a main role in its entirety - musically, dramatically, and scenically - over two weeks, from first rehearsals to public performances with orchestra, under the musical direction of Jan Wierzbka and the staging of Anna Leppänen.

What's included:

- Daily rehearsals for musical preparation and mise-en-scène
- Rehearsals with Orquestra das Beiras in the second week
- Scenic and technical stage work
- Two public performances with orchestra

Dates: 7 to 20 September 2026 (final performances on 19 and 20 September)

Location: Teatro Aveirense, Aveiro, Portugal

## Fees and application

Voice Lab: €500 per participant

\* special conditions apply to University of Aveiro students, more information via e-mail at [info@operanomada.com](mailto:info@operanomada.com)

Opera Studio: €850 per participant

Applications are made through an online form ([link to be confirmed](#)). Two video arias must be submitted:

Opera Studio: one opera aria of choice, and one mandatory aria from the role being applied for (Mimì, Rodolfo, Musetta or Marcello)

Voice Lab: two opera arias of choice

Please visit the following website for enrollment, rules and regulations:

<https://www.orquestradasbeiras.com/cursos/voa-vocal-opera-academy/>

