



For tickets to the *The Barber of Seville*, call
Boston Lyric Opera's Audience Services Office
at 617.542.6772
Mon. – Fri. 10 am – 5 pm.

For more information about *The Barber of Seville* go to <http://www.blo.org/families.html>

Welcome to *The Barber of Seville!*

Thank you for your ticket purchase. We hope you and your family look forward to your upcoming musical adventure. Here is some information to help you make the most of the experience:

The Story

The legendary barber Figaro uses every trick in the book to free the lovely Rosina from the clutches of crotchety Dr. Bartolo and unite her with the dashing Count Almaviva. You can find the full synopsis of the opera and other *Barber of Seville*-related fun at blo.org/families.

Attending a live performance with your children

- Prepare for the performance by reading about the story and characters at blo.org/families.
- Be sure to get there early, with plenty of time to get to your seat. Allow time to park, get a drink of water, go to the restroom ... everything. You don't want to miss any of the action or interrupt someone else's enjoyment by coming in late.
- Sound is very important in an opera and the audience is there to both see and hear what's going on onstage. At the end of a scene or a piece of music, the audience is encouraged to applaud. And if you think something was especially wonderful, you can shout (yes, shout!), "Bravo!" Otherwise, please be as quiet as you can. **And don't forget to turn off your cell phone.**
- The use of recording devices of any kind is prohibited.
- Please no food or drink inside the auditorium. Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the building.

See page 2 for nearby restaurants, and directions/parking at Strand Theatre.



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Directions to The Strand Theatre

The Strand Theatre is located at 543 Columbia Road near Uphams Corner in Dorchester, MA.

From South: Take I-93 North to exit 15, Columbia Road. Turn left at the bottom of ramp to third set of lights. There is a Kentucky Fried Chicken / Store 24 on the corner. Turn left onto Columbia Road. Go through two sets of lights, the Strand is on the left, just past Bank of America.

From North: Take I-93 South to exit 15, Columbia Road. Turn right at the bottom of ramp to third set of lights. There is a Kentucky Fried Chicken / Store 24 on the corner. Turn left onto Columbia Road. Go through two sets of lights, the Strand is on the left, just past Bank of America.

From West: Mass Pike (I-90) east into Boston, to I-93 south. Follow "From the NORTH" directions.

From Jamaica Plain/Brookline: Take the Jamaica Way south to the Arborway. Go over the bridge at Forrest Hills to the rotary. Go 3/4 around the rotary and turn into Franklin Park. Go through the park, and turn left onto Blue Hill Avenue. Go about 50 yards, then make a right onto Columbia Road. The Strand is about 1 1/3 miles down on the right, just past the Strand Pharmacy.

Parking

There is plenty of on-street parking on Columbia Road in the evenings.

Free off-street parking will be available in the Municipal lot, located off of Dudley Street, behind America's Foodbasket and Payless Shoes.

Free parking is available for evening and Sunday shows in the Citizen's Bank and Sovereign's Bank parking lots. The Citizen's Bank lot is located at the corner of Columbia Road and Cushing Avenue, next to Bank of America. The Sovereign Bank lot is located in the rear of the bank at 585 Columbia Rd.

From the MBTA (visit mbta.com or call 1-800-392-6100 for detailed bus schedules)

Red Line to Andrew station, then either #16 (Forest Hills) bus or #17 (Field's Corner) bus to Upham's Corner/Dudley Street. Get off in front of Payless Shoes. The Strand is up one block on the left, just past Bank of America.

Red Line to JFK/UMASS Station, then the #41 (Centre Street & Eliot Street) bus via Dudley Station & Jackson Square. Get off in front of Payless Shoes. The Strand is up one block on the left, just past Bank of America.

Orange Line to Ruggles station, then the #15 (Upham's Corner) bus via Dudley Station. Get off in front of Payless Shoes. The Strand is up one block on the left, just past Bank of America.

Orange Line to Forrest Hills station, then #16 (Forrest Hills) bus to Upham's Corner. Get off in front of Payless Shoes. The Strand is up one block on the left, just past Bank of America.

Nearby restaurants (within 10 minutes)

224 Boston Street Restaurant
224 Boston Street
617-265-1217
www.224bostonstreet.com

C.F. Donovan's
112 Savin Hill
617-436-2226
www.cfdonovansrestaurant.com

Chef Lee II Restaurant
554 Columbia Road
617-436-6634

Ashmont Grill
555 Talbot Avenue
617-825-4300
www.ashmontgrill.com

Poppa B's
1100 Blue Hill Avenue
617-825-0700
www.poppab.com