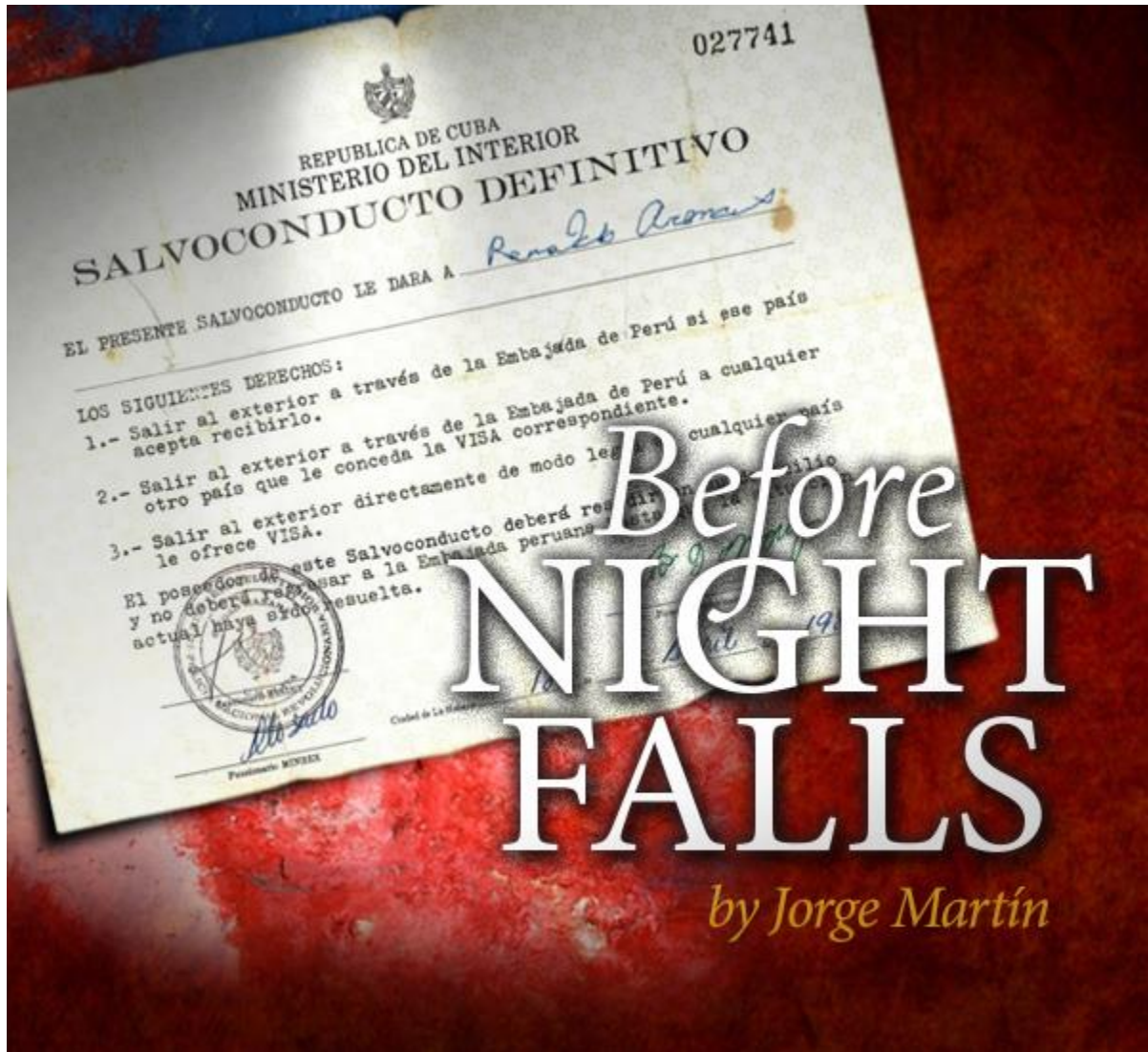


## Before the Revolution, Before Mariel, Before Night Falls



### A gripping tale of individual triumph

Cuban dissident Reinaldo Arenas inspired a generation of Cuban immigrants proclaiming his political and sexual freedom. He also inspired a book, a film, and an opera. Florida Grand Opera's production of *Before Night Falls* brings the story of the persecuted life of this Cuban poet and dissident to the main stage. His story will resonate with everyone in South Florida. A must see!

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**The Story:** Based on the famous memoir of Cuban poet Reinaldo Arenas, *Before Night Falls* follows Arenas' life from childhood poverty in the Cuban countryside to his emigration to the United States in the 1980 Mariel boatlift, and his last decade suffering from AIDS. Arenas was disillusioned by the Cuban Revolution and persecuted by the Castro regime as a dissident writer and homosexual. The opera follows his trials and tribulations as a political prisoner forced to smuggle his manuscripts abroad for publication.

Performances are Saturday, March 18 at 7 pm, Sunday, March 19 at 2 pm, Tuesday, March 21 at 8 pm, Friday, March 24 at 8 pm, and Saturday, March 25 at 8 pm. All performances are at Arsht Center for the Performing Arts.

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