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Ebb and Flow: an opera mash-up

Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus in Concert

Saturday 30 November 7.30pm

Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU

Tickets £10 Concessions £8

Box Office 020 7304 4000

The Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus presents a very special performance at the Civic Hall in Grays on **Saturday 30 November at 7.30pm**. *Ebb and Flow: an opera mash-up* is a newly devised performance which features music from three operas: *Dido and Aeneas* by Purcell, Mozart's *Idomeneo* and Richard Taylor's *The Purfleet Opera: Ludd and Isis*.

This unique evening of song has been devised, written and created by the Royal Opera House's 140-voice Thurrock Community Chorus and includes performances from soloists from the Chorus under the baton of **Jeremy Haneman**. It is the first semi-staged performance for the Thurrock Community Chorus since *The Purfleet Opera: Ludd and Isis* was performed at the opening of the Royal Opera House Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop in 2010.

Kasper Holten, Director of Opera for the Royal Opera House said "We are all extremely proud of Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus. It is wonderful to see how seriously they take the work and how

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quickly they have built both their level of ambition and their quality. We are very proud to be working with the people of Thurrock and to feel the impact we have been able to make there. But equally, the Thurrock Community Chorus has made an impact on us: It continually reminds us of the power of music and seeing the passion for singing in the Chorus is an inspiration in our work. This concert takes the work of Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus to a new level, and we are all excited to follow the work and see the result.”

Ebb and Flow depicts the comings and goings of people at a cruise terminal, mixing the mythological elements present in all three of the operas with ordinary life. It features beautiful opera choruses and solos such as ‘When I am laid in earth’ from *Dido and Aeneas* and the majestic ‘O voto tremendo’ from Mozart’s *Idomeneo*.

Having out-grown its rehearsal rooms at the High House Production Park, the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus has recently found a new home at the Ormiston Park Academy. **Huw Derrick, Co-Principal** of the Academy, stated “It truly is an honour to have a close relationship with the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus. It will inspire our students to aim high and broaden their aspirations as well as putting the Academy with its new build at the heart of the community.”

Tickets for *Ebb and Flow: an opera mash-up* are £10 and concessions £8. Tickets can be booked online at www.roh.org.uk or by calling the Royal Opera House Box Office on 020 7304 4000. For more information about the work of the Royal Opera House Learning and Participation Team in Thurrock please go to www.roh.org.uk/thurrock or email getinvolved@roh.org.uk

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Royal Opera House Learning and Participation in Thurrock

Royal Opera House Learning and Participation in Thurrock has been offering innovative and creative projects and programmes in schools, colleges and across communities in the Thames Gateway for the past six years. In 2010, more than 1000 people from Thurrock, young and old, took part in creating and performing the spectacular Purfleet Opera: *Ludd and Isis*, the third large scale ROH performance created with communities in Thurrock. As a result of this work a Thurrock Community Chorus has been created with over 140 members of all ages and a new Youth Vocal Group, RM19, for 11-25 year olds.

Local schools and teachers are benefiting from Royal Opera House projects which enable collaboration with creative professionals, the learning of new skills and the nurturing of creativity

Public and educational tours of the state-of-the-art Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop where the sets and scenery for the Royal Opera House stage in Covent Garden are built are now available.

The High House Production Park is supported by a unique partnership including Arts Council England, Creative & Cultural Skills, the Royal Opera House, Acme Artists' Studios and Thurrock Council.