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**Thurrock singers perform at Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden**

**Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus
members sing in Summer Performance**

Fresh from their success in the sell-out performances of Verdi's *Requiem*, **Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus** members performed at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden on Sunday 20 July in *Opening Acts*, the Jette Parker Young Artists' Summer Performance.

27 members of the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus auditioned for the opportunity to take part in the Jette Parker Young Artists' Summer Performance and perform on the main stage at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Over the last few months, they have worked hard rehearsing with a stage director, language coaches, movement directors and conductors to prepare their parts in the performance which featured Act 1 of both Donizetti's *La Favorite* and Mozart's *Così fan tutte*.

On Sunday 20 July they performed to a packed auditorium, rounding off an exciting and successful summer for the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus.

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Notes for Editors

The Jette Parker Young Artists Programme

The Jette Parker Young Artists Programme is designed to support the artistic development of talented singers at the beginning of their career. Young Artists are employed as salaried members of The Royal Opera over a two-year period, during which time they are immersed in the life of the Royal Opera House to help them form their own artistic identity and give them guidance on their trajectory through the business.

The Young Artists participate in a specially-tailored programme, which includes extensive daily coaching in languages, stagecraft and vocal techniques, alongside preparing cover roles, and performing concerts and smaller roles on the main stage.

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 since 2006.

Since then, more than 40,000 people have participated in activities ranging from schools projects to teacher training, from work-based learning to fully-staged community operas. People in Thurrock have both been able to watch special performances at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and gain a very special insight into the behind-the-scenes process.

The Learning and Participation team runs the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus which currently has over 140 members of all ages and regularly performs across Thurrock and at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. For further information, please go to: www.roh.org.uk/learning/learning-in-thurrock/community-chorus. RM19, a Youth Vocal Group for 11-25 year olds was started in 2012: www.roh.org.uk/learning/learning-in-thurrock/rm19-youth-

[singing-group](#). Details of future performances and taster session for both the Community Chorus and RM19, can be obtained by emailing getinvolved@roh.org.uk or calling 01708 891200.

Regular public 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. Please go to www.roh.org.uk/visit/tours/thurrock-tours for further details. Inspiration Days offer a more in-depth look at the work of the Production Workshop. More information can be found at www.roh.org.uk/inspiration

In April 2012, the Royal Opera House agreed to become a Bridge organisation, working to connect children and young people to great art and culture across Essex, North Kent, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

The Learning and Participation team is based at the High House Production Park in Purfleet which is supported by a unique partnership including Arts Council England, Creative & Cultural Skills, the Royal Opera House and Thurrock Council: www.highhouseproductionpark.co.uk