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It's all about the bass

Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus Needs New Recruits

Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus Taster Sessions
Monday 5 and 12 January 7.15pm – 9.30pm
Palmer's College, Chadwell Road, Grays, Essex RM17 5TD

Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus is looking forward to a busy 2015 and has vacancies for bass voices. Two taster sessions are being held in January for singers interested in finding out more about the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus and adding their voices to it.

If you have sung in a choir before and want to return to performance or if you have some singing experience and can read music, Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus would love to meet you. The taster sessions will take place on **Monday 5** and **12** January in the theatre at Palmer's College in Chadwell Road, Grays where the Chorus meets regularly to rehearse. The taster sessions begin at 7.15pm and will end at 9.30pm.

Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus has been established for more than three years and has developed its range and ambition over that time. Led by professional Chorus Master Jeremy Haneman, the 140-strong Chorus sings a wide-ranging repertory of classical, opera and modern music. 2014 was an amazing year with sell-out performances of Verdi's *Requiem* in Purfleet and appearances at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and in the Brandenburg Choral Festival in central London

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To register your interest in attending a bass taster session, please email getinvolved@roh.org.uk or phone 01708 891200.

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Notes for Editors

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