

11 JULY 2014

All The World's A Stage

TAKE FIVE Summer School for Young Musicians

Thursday 24, Friday 25 and Saturday 26 July

Palmer's College, Chadwell Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 5TD

The Royal Opera House is working with Music Education Hubs across Essex and East London on its TAKE FIVE Summer School for young instrumentalists and singers. The Summer School for local young people aged 11-18 years takes place at Palmer's College in Grays from Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 July.

Young musicians from five areas: Barking & Dagenham, Essex, Havering, Southend and Thurrock have the opportunity to join professional musicians and singers in the TAKE FIVE three day Summer School to explore six different operas and create a new piece.

TAKE FIVE explores operas by Mozart, Purcell and Puccini amongst others. The young musicians will work with mentors from the five Music Education Hubs and the Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra to look at, in depth, pieces from the different operas. They will together create a new piece with the theme of the Seven Ages of Man taking Shakespeare's words from *As You Like It* as inspiration.

A short performance for friends and family will close the Summer School on Saturday 26 July.

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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 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. For further information, please go to: www.roh.org.uk/learning/learning-in-thurrock/community-chorus. RM19, a Youth Chorus for 11-25 year olds was started in 2012: www.roh.org.uk/learning/learning-in-thurrock/rm19-youth-singing-group.

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. Please go to www.roh.org.uk/visit/tours/thurrock-tours for further details.

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