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Can you sing? Would you like to sing with others?

Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus is recruiting new members

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Free Taster Sessions
Monday 12 and Monday 19 September 7.15pm – 9.30pm
Palmer's College, Chadwell Road, Grays, Essex RM17 5TD

The Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus is recruiting new members. Two taster sessions will run on 12 and 19 September at Palmers College. The Thurrock Community Chorus recruits just once a year so grab this opportunity to join this dynamic group.

The Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus has had a great year culminating in a sell-out concert at the Civic Hall in Grays in July, celebrating its fifth anniversary. The Chorus performs regularly in Thurrock, in London, at the Royal Opera House and other venues. The 120 + strong Chorus performs a range of traditional opera, classical choral works and contemporary music. All singing abilities are welcome and no previous singing experience is needed to join. This year, the Chorus is particularly looking for male tenors and basses and high soprano voices.

There are no auditions, just a simple range test in which singers can discover how high and how low they can sing and into which section of the Chorus they would fit. Anyone aged eight years and over who has a passion for singing is welcome to attend the free taster sessions to meet other Chorus members and find out all about singing

with the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus – a singing group like none other.

The free taster sessions take place at Palmer's College in Chadwell Road, Grays, on Monday 12 and Monday 19 September from 7.15pm until 9.30pm. To register for the free Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus taster sessions, please contact the Royal Opera House Learning and Participation Team in Thurrock on 01708 891200 or email getinvolved@roh.org.uk

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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 60,000 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. Details of future performances and taster session for the Community Chorus 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, and the Bob and Tamar Manoukian Costume Centre, which opened in October 2015, 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.hhpp.org.uk