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Royal Opera House offers new singing opportunities in Thurrock

Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus

Free Taster Sessions

Monday 28 September and Monday 5 October

7.15pm – 9.30pm

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

Royal Opera House Youth Vocal Leaders

Application deadline: Friday 18 September

The Royal Opera House wants more people across Thurrock to get singing. The Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus is recruiting again and an exciting new opportunity for young singers is open for applications.

The Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus has been established for five years and now performs regularly in Thurrock and in London at The Royal Opera House and in festivals. The 100 + strong choir performs a repertory of traditional opera and contemporary work. All singing abilities are welcome and no previous singing experience is needed to join.

Recruitment for new members takes place only once a year so anyone aged eight years and over who has a passion for singing should come along to a free taster session and find out all about singing with the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus – a singing group like no other.

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The free taster sessions take place at Palmer's College in Chadwell Road, Grays on Monday 28 September and Monday 5 October from 7.15pm.

The Royal Opera House is also offering a new scheme for young people across Thurrock to develop their singing and leadership skills. **The Youth Vocal Leader** programme is open to 13-25 year olds who live, work or study in Thurrock and who want to lead their own singing groups in the community.

Exploring the music and stories of opera, the Youth Vocal Leader programme offers training in different aspects of music and vocal work from conducting to composing, singing to dramatic performance. Young people will gain the skills and experience they need to get singing with their peers in their schools or, colleges, youth clubs, community centres or workplaces. This could be anything from forming a small trio or ensemble to rehearsing and conducting a school choir, or even the whole school! It is up to the young vocal leader to decide how they use their training, with the support of the Royal Opera House. The deadline for applications is Friday 18th September

To register for the free the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus taster sessions or to apply for the Youth Vocal leader programme, 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 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 120 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 ROH Thurrock 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 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