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Calling Young Singers, String Players and Brass Players

TAKE FIVE Summer School for Young Musicians

Thursday 25, Friday 26 and Saturday 27 July, 10am – 4pm

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

The Royal Opera House has a few places left for local young musicians aged 11-18 years on its TAKE FIVE Summer School for instrumentalists and singers taking place at Palmer's College in Grays from Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 July. Each day begins at 10am and ends at 4pm.

Young musicians from five areas: Barking & Dagenham, Essex, Havering, Southend and Thurrock have an opportunity to join professional musicians and singers in the TAKE FIVE three day Summer School.

TAKE FIVE explores Bizet's opera *Carmen* through whole group ensemble playing and singing, intensive sectional rehearsals as well as creative sessions, all alongside professional artists. A short performance for friends and family will close the Summer School on Saturday 27 July.

Places are available for all grade levels and experience and applications are encouraged from young musicians at any stage of their playing or development. The Summer School is open to all young musicians but applications from singers and string and brass players will be particularly welcome. A contribution of £50 per child will be asked for if an application is accepted. Bursary places can be applied for.

Mark Vinall, Principal of Palmer's College said: "Having professionals from the Royal Opera House to work with students from across Essex and East London is

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a wonderful coup for Palmer’s College and we’re delighted to be able to provide the venue for the first TAKE FIVE Summer School. I’m sure it will be a tremendous success and I look forward to welcoming friends and family of the young people to see and hear the results of their hard work.”

Application forms and more information, can be obtained from Kate Hodson, Learning Officer at the Royal Opera House on 020 7212 9410 or by email at learning@roh.org.uk

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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 and a new Youth Chorus for 11-25 year olds.

Local schools and teachers are benefiting from Royal Opera House projects which enable collaboration with creative professionals, the learning of new skills and the nurturing of creativity

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 widely available.

The High House Production Park is supported by a unique partnership including Arts Council England, Creative & Cultural Skills, the Royal Opera House and Thurrock Council