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## **Discover Inspiration in Costume at the Royal Opera House in Thurrock**

### **Hands-on costume workshop shows the skills and secrets of the Costume Department**

#### **Inspiration Day for Individuals**

**Friday 12 June 10.30am – 3pm**

**Royal Opera House Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop,  
High House Production Park, Purfleet, RM19 1RJ**

**[www.roh.org.uk/inspiration](http://www.roh.org.uk/inspiration)**

If you have a passion for fashion, theatre and costume design, **the Royal Opera House in Thurrock** has a great opportunity for you. On **Friday 12 June**, a special **Inspiration Day** with an emphasis on costume is taking place at the **Royal Opera House Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop on High House Production Park in Purfleet.**

This Inspiration Day offers participants a hands-on Costume Workshop with experienced costume designer and maker **Amanda Hall**. The workshop will be based on Gluck's popular opera *Orfeo ed Euridice*, due to appear on the main stage at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden this autumn.

It will explore characterization through costume, analyzing visual stereotypes such as good and bad characters and defining visual clues that audiences might expect to see and read easily in their costumes.

No experience needed, just enthusiasm and an interest in finding out more about our costume department. Costumes from the Royal Opera House store in Thurrock will also be available on the day to handle and even try on..

The Inspiration Day also includes a tour of the **Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop** to see the craftspeople at work and an opportunity to see some of the Royal Opera House's many on-line and virtual resources about costume.

The Inspiration Day begins at 10.30am and ends at 3pm. Spaces are very limited and booking is essential. The cost including lunch is £30 or £25 for those under 18. If you would like more information, please either email [getinvolved@roh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@roh.org.uk) or call 01708 891200. Bookings can be made directly with the Royal Opera House Box Office on 020 7304 4000 or online at [www.roh.org.uk/functions/inspiration-day](http://www.roh.org.uk/functions/inspiration-day)

Inspiration Days and the public tours at the Royal Opera House Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop have proved extremely popular. Since the regular tour programme began running in 2012, more than 2000 people have caught a fascinating glimpse into the skills and talents of the many scenic painters, carpenters and metalworkers who work at the state-of-the-art workshop.

Inspiration Days have been running since 2013 and offer a more in-depth look at the behind the scenes work that goes into creating spectacular sets and beautiful scenery for the stages of the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. For more details about Inspiration Days and public tours, please go to [www.roh.org.uk/thurrock](http://www.roh.org.uk/thurrock) or email [getinvolved@roh.org.uk](mailto: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 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.highhouseproductionpark.co.uk)