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Inspired to learn, motivated to achieve

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Dear Parents,

To further Y5/6's learning in Music we are lucky enough to have been selected to perform as part of the Norfolk Schools' Opera.

It is a specially written performance of Mozart's "Magic Flute". This is a style of music the children have yet to experience and it will give them the opportunity to perform with professional opera singers and a live orchestra.

We will use our Music lessons to learn about this new genre of music and rehearse the songs. Our role is as an audience school and we will be singing in the upper circle of the Theatre Royal in Norwich. The performance date is **SUNDAY 23rd June**. Children will need to be dropped off at the theatre at 12:00pm for a 12:30 rehearsal. They should have plenty of water and a snack. The performance is expected to start at 2:30pm (tbc).

More information is included in the attached leaflet.

This is a ticketed event (£5 adults, £3 under 18s) and therefore need to be booked early to ensure your seats will give you a good view of your child. Please complete the slip below giving consent for your child to attend the performance and the number of tickets required, together with payment.

NEWS FLASH! Children taking part in the performance in June will have the opportunity to go to the Royal Albert Hall in London, in the Autumn term, as part of The Music for Youth Proms!

Yours sincerely,

Ms Owen-Smith
Teacher

Norfolk Schools Opera Performance – Sunday 23rd June

I give permission for _____ to take part in Norfolk Schools' Opera performance on Sunday 23rd June.

I would like to order the following tickets:

..... Adult tickets @ £5 each

..... Child Tickets @ £3 each

I enclose cheque/cash for the sum of £.....

Please note tickets cannot be ordered unless full payment is received.

School needs to order all tickets by Friday 29th March. School will not be able to request additional tickets after this date.



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What is the Norfolk Schools' Opera Project?

It is project for Key Stage 2 pupils across Norfolk in which pupils create and perform their own opera alongside professional artists at Norwich Theatre Royal.

As it is the 21st anniversary we have planned something extra special this year! *A Kind of Magic Flute* has been written especially for this event. It is a brand-new children's opera fusing Mozart's Magic Flute with a little twist of Latin-American Salsa music.

Over 500 Norfolk pupils will come together to tell this fantastical story of magic, conflict and the power of love.

When will the opera be performed?

On Sunday 23 June 2019 schools will work together with directors, professional opera singers and musical directors to create a performance of the opera. This will be performed at Norwich Theatre Royal with live orchestral music from Norfolk Music Hub's Gifted and Talented young musicians.

Learning the music

The songs that you need to learn will all be available online from the beginning of the summer term. Your teacher / choir director will help you learn the songs. You will have to learn the songs from memory before the performance on 23 June.



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You are working as an audience participant

This means that you will perform in the Upper Circle at Norwich Theatre Royal.

You will be singing from the theatre audience rather than on the stage.

Resources

The resources will be available from the summer term. To access the resources at school or at home, click on the following link and use the password: *magicflute*

www.norfolkmusic hub.org.uk/site/nsop-resources

Photography & Video

Norwich Theatre Royal will be making a professional video of the performance and taking photos in the workshop and performance. Your school will let us know if you have permission to be in the video/photos. (Don't worry if you can't be in the video – you will have a special area to perform in).

Your school will be able to access the video after the event to see the whole performance. You will be able to buy a copy if you want a souvenir of the event.



About the music & libretto (script)

It takes a lot of people to create an opera and bring it to the stage. Here is a 'Who's who?' guide to some of the professionals you will meet and work with:

Who's who?

Partnership Project

Norwich Theatre Royal and Norfolk Music Hub have commissioned this work together. They have created a new partnership that helps schools and pupils learn about opera – its drama, music and creativity. You can find out more about both these organisations by checking out their websites:

theatroyalnorwich.co.uk
norfolkmusicclub.org.uk

The Come and Sing Company

Tom and Ellie will be conducting the singing on the performance day. They will lead our rehearsal and show you when to sing in the performance.

Creative Team

Jonny Gee, Jonathan Preiss & Ellie Bowers-Jolley are the creative team that have adapted and written this opera. It has taken about 6 months to put together!

Gifted & Talented Musicians

Norfolk has some amazingly talented young musicians. David Stowell will be conducting the students' orchestra who will be accompanying your singing.

The Performance

When do I have to get to the Theatre?

On Sunday 23 June you will arrive at the Theatre at 12.00 – you need to have had an early lunch! The rehearsal begins at 12.30pm. There is time for a quick snack and comfort break at 2.00pm.

Can my friends and family watch the performance?

Yes – they are invited to watch the performance at 2.30pm (time TBC).

How can they get a ticket?

Tickets for the performance need to be ordered through your school office by 1 April 2019. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for under 18's. Free personal assistance tickets are available.

What do I wear for the performance?

You will be playing the part of the songbirds – come dressed in bright exotic bird colours!

What do I bring?

Bring a snack to eat before the performance and plenty of water to drink.

Optional extra

You can purchase a bird caller to make extra bird song noises at various points in the opera. Let your school know by 1 April if your child would like to order one. They will cost £2 each.

What time does the performance finish?

The performance will be finished by 4.20pm.



Exciting announcement!

We are delighted to announce that following our application, Music for Youth has invited Norfolk Music Hub and Norwich Theatre Royal to put together a Massed Ensemble Performance in the 2019 Music for Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in London!

The Music for Youth Proms showcase the extraordinary talent from thousands of the UK's young musicians, creating an unforgettable experience for the groups performing and the audience.

Building on our existing partnership with Norwich Theatre Royal on the Norfolk Schools' Opera Project, taking place in June 2019, we are putting together a massed performance of *A Kind of Magic/Flyer*.

The children taking part in the Norfolk Schools' Opera Project are invited to join the massed ensemble and perform selected highlights of the brand new opera.

Accompanying a choir of children from across the County will be an orchestra made up of talented young musicians from Norfolk Music Service ensembles, including the Norfolk County Symphonic Wind Band, who celebrated success at the Music for Youth Prom in 2017.

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