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Dear young musician,

This summer BLTM are again collaborating with Garsington Youth Opera. They have commissioned Roxanna Panufnik (composer) and Jessica Duchon (librettist) to write a 'People's Opera' specifically for local children, young people and adults to perform alongside professional singers and musicians. The opera will be conducted by the company's Artistic Director, Douglas Boyd, as part of the main 2017 season.

We are looking for up to 20 local young instrumentalists to join the professional orchestra for Silver Birch. We are seeking:

4-6 violins

2-3 violas

1-2 cellos

1 double bass

2 percussionists

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet Bb

Bassoon

String players need to be grade 7 plus or equivalent and woodwind/percussion players should be grade 8 or equivalent. Selection will be by invitation in the first instance. If the demand for places is high there may have to be a selection procedure or audition. This will be at the discretion of Garsington Opera and the partner organisations.

The student instrumentalists will be performing in the Garsington Opera pit alongside 17 professionals from the Garsington Opera orchestra and will accompany the 70-minute long opera. The composer will write parts specifically for students and designed to shadow those of the professional players.

Silver Birch is inspired by the war poet Siegfried Sassoon (who spent time during the First World War at Garsington Manor) and contemporary experiences of soldiers and their families.

If you would like to take part in this exciting project, you would need to be available for **all** the rehearsals (see below). The rehearsal on 21st July is the first full rehearsal with the professional players so you would need to get leave of absence from school if necessary. You will be treated as a professional player and would be expected to be punctual for all rehearsals and performances.

If you would like to participate please email fhayhurst@learningtrust.net (ensuring that you include your name and your instrument in the subject line) BEFORE 10th February.

Kind regards,

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Silver Birch Schedule for Student Instrumentalists

Date	Time	Activity	Venue
Silver Birch Rehearsals			
Saturday 1 July	1.00-4.00pm	Rehearsal	Aylesbury Music Centre
Sunday 2 July	10.00-1.00pm 2.00-5.00pm	Rehearsal	Aylesbury Music Centre
Thursday 6th July	7.00-9.00pm	Rehearsal	Aylesbury Music Centre
Thursday 13 th July	7.00-9.00pm	Rehearsal	Aylesbury Music Centre
Saturday 15th July	2.00-5.00pm	Rehearsal	Aylesbury Music Centre
Thursday 20 th July	6.00-9.00pm	Rehearsal	Aylesbury Music Centre
Friday 21 July	2.00-5.00pm 6.00-9.00pm	Silver Birch Orchestral Rehearsals with Garsington Opera Orchestra	Aylesbury Music Centre
Stage Rehearsals			
Tuesday 25 July	1.00-4.00pm 5.30-8.30pm	Sitzprobe Stage & Orchestra 1	Wormsley Estate
Wednesday 26 July	2.00-5.00pm 7.30-9.00pm	Stage & Orchestra 2 DRESS	Wormsley Estate
Performances			
Friday 28 July	16:00 19:30	Working notes I Run Performance 1	Wormsley Estate
Saturday 29 July	17:00 19:30	Notes Performance 2	Wormsley Estate
Sunday 30 July	17:00 19:30	Warm up Performance 3	Wormsley Estate
NB: On Sat 28 or 29 May we will be inviting student instrumentalists for a visit to Wormsley Estate, the performance venue, during the rehearsal period for the main season to meet some of the team and attend part of a rehearsal. This will be a great chance to look around and see how the professional musicians work as well as getting a feel for the venue. This would not be compulsory.			

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