



GARSINGTON OPERA
AT WORMSLEY

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
PREPARE FOR WORLD PREMIERE OF PEOPLE'S OPERA**

Over the next two weeks, over 160 children from local primary schools in Frieth, Ibstone, Chalgrove, Stokenchurch and Marlow will work with a director, musician and singer from Garsington Opera exploring themes, learning music and staging scenes from *Silver Birch*, a new People's Opera. The children will then all join together for a full day of rehearsals and performance to friends and family at The Holy Trinity CE (A) School, Marlow. Children and teachers from some of these schools will go on to appear in *Silver Birch* for three performances on 28, 29, 30 July at Wormsley. These workshops will be led by the director of *Silver Birch*, Karen Gillingham, together with composer John Barber and soprano Belinda Evans.

The world premiere of Garsington Opera's thrilling new commission for the 2017 season, *Silver Birch*, will feature over 180 participants from the local community aged 8-80, including students from primary and secondary schools, members of the local military community, student Foley artists under the guidance of Pinewood Studios and members of Wycombe Women's Aid. Appearing alongside top professional singers and orchestral players, they will perform as dancers, singers, actors and instrumentalists.

Schools taking part in the project:

Wednesday 17 May Frieth CE Primary School joined by Ibstone Infant School

Thursday 18 May Millbrook Combined School

Friday 19 May Chalgrove Community Primary School

Monday 22 May Holy Trinity CE (A) School

Wednesday 24 May Stokenchurch Primary School

Thursday 25 May Holy Trinity CE (A) School, Marlow | *Final sharing performance day with all schools (excluding Stokenchurch) together*

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