



GARSINGTON OPERA  
AT WORMSLEY

**Opportunity to join the 2020 Garsington Opera Youth Company  
Backstage Art and Design Team**

Garsington Opera is an internationally-renowned summer opera festival, based at the Wormsley Estate near Stokenchurch (Junction 5 of the M40), which produces 4 major operas every year.

**Garsington Opera Youth Company**

The Youth Company is premiering a new opera this summer based on Oscar Wilde's *The Selfish Giant*, composed by John Barber with words by Jessica Duchen.

We are offering the opportunity for young people, aged 13-21 who are interested in art and design, to join the Youth Company for a series of workshops led by the designer of the show Ruth Paton [www.ruthpaton.com](http://www.ruthpaton.com).

**Cost**

We are delighted to be able to offer successful applicants a place on these workshops free of charge as they are fully funded.

**What will being on the art and design team involve?**

This is a unique opportunity to try out different aspects of design for a theatrical production and will involve:

- Prop design & making - Design and make multiples of props for our very large company.
- Puppet design & making - Have a hand in making the giant for our production. Some sculpting and/or casting will be involved.
- Costume design for character - Create drawings for individual characters in our show. Research and develop the costume and experiment with different ways of presenting your ideas.
- Scenic painting - go backstage at Garsington opera and experience life as a scenic painter for the day.

You will also be invited to watch the Stage and Orchestra rehearsal of *Rusalka* at Garsington Opera on Tuesday 9 June.

**Provisional Schedule and commitment**

Date	Provisional Times	Venue
Tuesday 7 April	10:00-16:00	Cressex School, High Wycombe
Wednesday 8 April	10:00-16:00	Cressex School, High Wycombe
Monday 27 July	10:00-16:00	Garsington Opera backstage
Friday 31 July	Times tbc to include early evening	Garsington Opera

Please email a short letter of application to Judy Knowles, Learning and Participation Producer ([learning@garsintonopera.org](mailto:learning@garsintonopera.org)) stating why you would value this opportunity, any previous experience you have in art and design, Date of Birth and the School/College you currently attend by Friday 28 February. No experience is necessary but a passion for the opportunity and the ability to use initiative is sought.