



GARSINGTON OPERA
AT WORMSLEY

**Opportunity to join the 2020 Garsington Opera Youth Company
Backstage Stage Management 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 Duchon. We are offering two places to young people, aged 13-21 who are interested in the backstage elements of production, to join the Youth Company led by a professional Stage Manager.

Cost

We are delighted to be able to offer successful applicants this opportunity free of charge as this is fully funded.

What will being on the Stage Management team involve?

Working directly under a professional Stage Manager and Designer, you will experience first-hand how an opera is staged. Experience will include the realisation of the scenic design and all aspects of stage management – prop management, moving scenery, running of technical rehearsals, giving cues for the show and assisting with rigging.

You will also be invited to the Stage and Orchestra rehearsal of *Rusalka* at Garsington Opera on the evening of Tuesday 9 June and you will be shown backstage by a Garsington Opera Stage Manager.

Provisional Schedule and commitment

Date	Provisional Times	Venue
Saturday 25 July	10:00-16:00	Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe
Monday 27 July	10:00-16:00	Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe
Tuesday 28 July	10:00-16:00	Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe
Wednesday 29 July	10:00-16:00	Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe
Thursday 30 July	10:00-16:00	Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe
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) stating why you would value this opportunity, any previous experience you have in stage management, Date of Birth and School/College by **Friday 28 February**. No experience is necessary but a passion for the opportunity and the ability to use initiative is sought.