



GARSINGTON OPERA

AT WORMSLEY

OperaFirst Schools' Project

2023 Theme: *The Barber of Seville*



Garsington Opera

Founded in 1989, the internationally-renowned summer opera festival presents productions of great artistic quality at the spectacular Wormsley Estate, near Stokenchurch (just off Junction 5 of the M40). Garsington Opera is committed to engaging the very best performers from around the world, as well as promoting talent from within the UK who are just beginning to make their names on the worldwide opera stage. The company champions lesser-known works, which have included a number of British premieres, and continues to introduce a new generation to opera through its Learning & Participation programme.

OperaFirst

Our new OperaFirst format for Primary Schools offers a 1-hour interactive performance at Wormsley guided by a presenter. The children will sing songs that they have learnt in their workshop as a massed chorus and watch scenes from the opera. The presenter will narrate the show, inviting students to join in sections with the singers, explore the orchestra, and get an insight into what is happening backstage. We hope that this will be a fun and interactive experience and wonderful trip to the opera!

The Barber of Seville

Figaro here! Figaro there! Figaro needs to be everywhere - and have his wits about him - in order to help the young Count and the fiercely clever Rosina marry. Enjoy endless mischievous antics in this operatic comedy by Rossini, as youth outsmarts their elders, and everyone learns that sometimes creative thinking is all you need to win the day.



Format

[Karen Gillingham](#) (Director) will be joined by [Aga Serugo-Lugo](#) (Workshop Composer) and a singer to deliver intensive one-day workshops using the successful 'Create an Opera' format. Starting with warm-ups and teambuilding activities,

the whole group will then explore the music and story, devising their own music, words and movements as well as performing music directly from the opera if time allows. Pupils will need to be off-timetable for the whole day in a space big enough for everyone to move around freely. We are happy to accommodate different groups: ie a single year group, music specialist groups, a combination of two year groups, etc. **Workshops must have a minimum of 20 students and can accommodate up to approximately 30 students per workshop.** If you think you may have more than 30 participants, please contact us directly to see if that is possible.

Potential Workshop Dates

April 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th

May 15th, 17th, 18th

June 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 26th

Your Workshop will be on one of the above dates, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to sign up for 2023, [follow this link](#) to fill out the form with your availability. *Availability cannot be accepted via email.*

The Barber of Seville Performance 2023

Garsington Opera, Wormsley Estate, nr Stokenchurch HP14 3YG

Date: Tuesday 18th July 2023

Time: Arrival 12pm; performance is 1-2pm

Bring: Each child may bring a picnic lunch to be eaten before the performance, if they would like to.

Cost: £5 per pupil (1 free teacher ticket per 10 pupils)

The cost includes participation in the workshop and a seat at the final performance. Payment to be made in advance of the workshop.

Transport: This needs to be arranged by the school; students will be ready to leave as soon as the performance is done.

If you would like to sign up for 2023, [please follow this link to fill in our form](#) as soon as possible. If you have any specific questions, please email learning@garsingtonopera.org. Workshops and workshop dates are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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