

OPERA ARIA PD FOR EDUCATORS COURSE— Description

Please send the completed *The Secret Garden* application by Wednesday, January 23

San Francisco Opera and Cal Performances are offering a Professional Development session aimed at providing teachers with tools to connect the study of the opera *The Secret Garden* to classroom curricula/syllabi and dress rehearsal attendance for the class. The PD session will focus on the study of opera in general and on this specific production, and address curriculum links for multiple grade levels. The Opera ARIA PD for Educators Course includes:

- 1) One three-hour **Professional Development (PD)** session; and
- 2) Access to the **Final Dress Rehearsal** for the educator and his/her classroom. Teachers interested in bringing students to the dress rehearsal are highly encouraged to attend the PD session to help prepare their students for the experience.

Grades: 3-12

Professional Dev. Fee: \$35 (PD fee waived if participant brings a group to the dress rehearsal)

Dress Rehearsal Fee: \$250 for 20-30 seats (pro-rated for smaller and larger classes). Scholarships are available.

Professional Development Session Description

Wednesday, January 30, 4:00-7:00pm, Willard Middle School, 2425 Stuart Street, Berkeley

At this session, we will review the story, characters, and music with composer Nolan Gasser, including a live example, and explore and discuss ways to integrate the opera into your curriculum. Educator materials will be provided, and can be accessed online at <http://sfopera.com/edmaterials> during and immediately following the PD.

****Attendance at the Professional Development Session is highly recommended if you plan to bring students to the dress rehearsal.****

The Secret Garden Dress Rehearsal Description

Wednesday, February 27, 12:30-2:30pm, Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley

(Classes should arrive 45-30 minutes prior to curtain time.)

WORLD PREMIERE

Music by Nolan Gasser and Libretto by Carey Harrison

Frances Hodgson Burnett's beloved classic of children's literature comes alive in a new opera created with young students and families in mind. A pampered young girl born to privilege finds herself alone in a bleak and unfamiliar land, until she discovers the hidden wonder of an abandoned secret garden. Unexpected friendships and a new life blossom as she makes the garden flourish again, leading both young and old toward a path of healing and understanding.

BART Student Group Discount

Enrolled students of elementary, middle, and high schools located in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties on a school-sponsored field trip for educational purposes are eligible. See discount information on page 3 of the application.

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Basic Information:

TEACHER NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

NEIGHBORHOOD: _____ DISTRICT: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ SCHOOL FAX: _____

TEACHER PHONE: _____ CONTACT EMAIL: _____

GRADE(S): _____ SUBJECT(S): _____

1. Please indicate if you plan to attend the **PD session**.

Yes

No

2. If you plan to attend the dress rehearsal, please indicate the number of students and adults you plan to bring.

Students attending: _____ Adults attending: _____

3. If you plan to bring students to the dress rehearsal, please indicate if you are applying for a scholarship.

Scholarship needed

No scholarship

Invoices will be sent to participating schools a week before the dress rehearsal. You may pay by cash or check. We do not accept credit cards.

4. If you have any special seating needs, please describe them here.

Please send the completed application by Wednesday, January 23 to:

San Francisco Opera Education, 301 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: 415.551.6296

Fax: 415.551.6292

Email: education@sfopera.com

BART Student Group Discount Information:

Who's eligible?

Enrolled students of elementary, middle, and high schools located in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties on a school-sponsored field trip for educational purposes are eligible. Students must be chaperoned by adults at a ratio of at least 1 adult per 15 students, and all must enter, travel, and exit stations as a group – no exceptions.

What's the price?

Tickets will be issued in amount of fare required. See www.bart.gov and select the Quick Planner to find fare for identified travel. Students' tickets will be priced at 37.5% of the posted fare, while adult chaperones pay full price.

To order:

Send a letter on your school letterhead with the following information:

- Date and approximate time of trip.
- Purpose of trip.
- Name of BART stations of entry and exit for each leg of trip.
- Number of students.
- Include school check (credit card payment may be arranged via mutual agreement). Payment may include full fare for chaperones (in which case identify # of chaperones), or chaperones may purchase their tickets directly at the station.
- Full street address for delivery (no PO Box). NOTE: signature will be required upon delivery.
- Signature with printed name and title of school officer placing the order.

Mail to:

BART Group Sales
300 Lakeside Drive, 22nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Telephone: (510) 464-6964

Your group (minimum 20 passengers) can travel using individually encoded tickets, or if 100 or more persons, via original group Letter of Authorization. To ensure timely delivery of tickets or letter, BART must receive your paid order at least 21 days in advance of travel date for processing.

By submitting a field trip ticket order, the ordering school's administration certifies that all students traveling on these discounted tickets are enrolled at the ordering school.

Please use this opportunity to enhance your students' riding experience by encouraging safety, courtesy and good judgment while in the BART system.