WHO IS SAN FRANCISCO OPERA?

We are the **second-largest opera company** in North America, internationally recognized for our first-rate productions and roster of world-renowned opera stars.

We believe opera, with its component art forms of creative writing, theater, music, dance and visual arts, is for **everyone**.

We believe in providing high-quality arts education experiences that make the most of opera's **multi-disciplinary** character and acquaint learners with the art form.

We believe consistent arts practice imparts students with essential **21st-century skills**.

We believe in empowering educators to take ownership of their students' opera learning experiences by **collaborating** with seasoned opera professionals.

We believe in nurturing lifelong learners by offering educators in-depth and engaging professional development focused on strengthening curriculum through **arts integration**.

San Francisco Opera's Education Department delivers a variety of **K-12 education** programs to schools throughout the Bay Area.

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WHAT IS OPERA ARIA?

Opera ARIA (Arts Resources in Action) is San Francisco Opera's suite of K-12 education programs that integrates learning about opera into the classroom. All Opera ARIA programs incorporate an extended collaboration between educators and Opera teaching artists, a high level of flexibility for educators, and comprehensive professional development.

To bring opera to life we offer a variety of in-school and field trip experiences such as classroom visits with opera professionals—young resident performers and costume, set, and props staff. Other opportunities include dress rehearsals, tours, San Francisco Opera movies, and creation of a mini-opera (Network program only). We also provide comprehensive resource materials authored by ARIA educators.

"I really learned a lot about opera thanks to the thoughtful creation of the professional development offerings. Participants were given amazing opportunities to immerse ourselves in the art form. The resources that were shared were fantastic…I was able to apply everything I learned in the classroom."

—ARIA Network Teacher

Opera ARIA Network (K-8)

Our signature program provides your school with a high level of opera integration over the course of a semester or more. An experienced teaching artist collaborates with a group of teachers at your school to create customized curricula and deliver engaging and essential lessons to your students. Teachers participate in extensive professional development and take advantage of multiple opera experiences. Many classes in the Network choose to learn about opera by creating their own!

Opera ARIA Residency (K-8)

Educators participating in an ARIA Residency choose to concentrate on one element of opera (theater, music, or visual arts) and develop appropriate curriculum connections with a teaching artist. Teachers attend one professional development and the teaching artist visits classrooms between four and twelve times. The teachers' choice of opera experience determines the focus of the Residency.

"You have to work hard for the opera and it shows you how to not give up."

—5th grade ARIA Network Student

PEAK (Grades 9-12)

PEAK (Practicing Everyday Arts Knowledge) matches the multi-disciplinary character of opera with the multi-subject nature of high schools. A teaching artist works with several teachers in a school to connect their particular subject matter to a specific opera. Students attend the dress rehearsal and take part in an additional opera experience chosen by each educator. Teachers attend two professional development sessions and the teaching artist visits classrooms between four and twelve times.

Opera ARIA PD for Educators and Dress Rehearsals (K-16)

Every year we offer several professional development (PD) opportunities to all Bay Area educators. The sessions generally focus on a San Francisco Opera production (a movie or dress rehearsal) that you can share with students. Many San Francisco Opera dress rehearsals are open to school groups at affordable rates. Teacher attendance at the complementary PD is required to bring students. Check our website for upcoming PD sessions and dress rehearsal opportunities!

Please visit our website, **sfopera.com/education**, for more information about all our programs or contact us directly at **415-551-6296** or **education@sfopera.com**.

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