

Dear Elementary Educators,

Livermore Valley Opera's vibrant 45-minute performance of *The Magic Flute* is scheduled at elementary schools in the Tri-Valley area both morning and afternoon:

**Monday – Friday January 22 through February 2, 2024**

1. Schools within the following school districts are served at no charge **so schedule your LVO performance now:**

Pleasanton Unified School District

Dublin Unified School District

Livermore Unified School District

Sunol Glen Elementary School District

2. Classroom activities during the two weeks prior to the performance are available and highly encouraged. These FREE resources include:

Overview letter to educators of elementary school performances;

Story synopsis through animation via YouTube links, and written;

Guidelines for advanced preparation for performance

Classroom discussion questions designed to help students find personal meaning in the story and develop critical thinking skills;

Detailed Study Guide including information about audience etiquette during performance, story synopsis and composer;

Script to encourage student engagement in the performance;

Opera dictionary and matching activity

Music links to enhance the operatic experience

3. LVO encourages student engagement, definitely! The non-singing, non-voiced student parts are:

Two Dragon Parts

The Three Ladies

The Three Boys

Two Fire-Makers

Two Water-Makers

The twelve student participants are provided with costumes and a brief rehearsal with the singers just prior to the performance. Full script (libretto) is provided with the student parts highlighted. One teacher, at the school, takes the lead on selection and on rehearsal of student parts.

\*The LVO's classroom activities encourage students to develop their critical thinking skills, allow students to discover something that they may have never heard or seen before, as well as fulfill California Standards for Music Education that include common core and cross-cultural discussion, and communication as addressed under "Responding to Artistic Works":

- Anchor Standard 8: Interpret Intent and Meaning in Artistic Work
- Anchor Standard 9: Apply Criteria to Evaluate Artistic Work
- Anchor Standard 11: Relate Artistic Ideas and Works with Societal, Cultural, and Historical Context to Deepen Understanding.
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View California Arts Standards at:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/caartsstandards.pdf>.

*The Magic Flute* performances and resources from Livermore Valley Opera are available to you completely **free** through funding from local community organizations and individuals to support students' development of an appreciation for opera.

Warm regards,

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