

Dear Elementary School Educators,

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

Monday – Friday January 27 through February 7, 2025

1. Schools within the following school districts are served at no charge **so schedule your LVOpera 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. There FREE resources include:

Overview letter of *The Elixir of Love* school performance;

Story synopsis through animation via YouTube links, and written;

Introduction to major arias, duets and student roles in performances via YouTube links;

Classroom discussion questions designed to supports students in finding personal meaning in the story and developing critical thinking skills.

Detailed Study Guide including classroom activities, operatic themes, opera dictionary, and music selections via YouTube links.

Reduction script to encourage student engagement in the performance.

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

Five Soldier Parts

Five Village Girl Parts

Five Village Boy Parts

The Fifteen student participants are provided with costumes and a brief rehearsal with the singers fifteen minutes 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.

4. The LVOpera'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.

View California Arts Standards at:

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

The Elixir of Love 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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