

LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA *THE ELIXIR OF LOVE*

Introduction to the Teacher

ELEMENTARY STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Livermore Valley Opera presents Donizetti's delightful performance of *The Elixir of Love*, in reduction to 45 minutes, at your school assembly.

Advanced preparation of the students is highly recommended in order to optimize engagement of all students during the performance:

1. Acquaint the students with the general story of *The Elixir of Love* with written or animated links to YouTube **that we provide**.
2. Acquaint the students with the major arias and duets in *The Elixir of Love* that we provide:
3. Audition students for non-singing, non-verbal roles:
 - Five Solders - 5 students
 - Five Village Boys - 5 students
 - Five Village Girls - 5 students

Watch the YouTube parts with the students to acquaint the students with the general movements of the performers.

Role Assignments:

Hold auditions or ask teachers for recommendations. Selecting the students with the strongest focus, stage presence, and maturity as all that is required.

Student Preparation:

The Elixir of Love requires little of the students except:

The Village Girls follow Adina around on the stage, or simply sit down on the stage.

The Village Boys stand around with each other on the stage, or simply sit down on the stage.

The Soldiers stand around with each other on the stage, or group around Sargant Belcore.

Day of Performance:

The performance space should be cleared and prepared:

Tuned piano off stage to stage right.

Podium and microphone next to piano.

One adult (folding) chair on stage at center.

Six student chairs at stage right.

Custodian available, if needed.

Dress Rehearsal with Student Performers:

Livermore Valley Opera performers arrive 75 minutes before performance time.

Fifteen minutes before performance the students are in a dress rehearsal with the performers to practice staging and coaching of the opera.

Please ensure the performance starts on time, and the student audience arrives early enough for this to happen.

Costumes:

Livermore Valley Opera provide all costumes for the student performers.

Students should wear plain white shirts and dark pants.

Props/Set Pieces:

- Livermore Valley Opera provides all props and scenic elements for the production.

Docent Assistance:

- Your assigned docent will contact you two weeks prior to your scheduled program to confirm date, time, and student preparation, and may request a site visit, and can answer any questions you may have. The docent introduces the performance to the student assembly.

Contact:

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