

Dear singers and parents.

Finger Lakes Opera <https://fingerlakesopera.org/> is doing La Boheme this summer and requires a children's choir for the second act. It is so much fun. You get to run around like bad kids, street urchins and children of the town.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INuYCgfCkPQ> Here is a small excerpt, with the only solo at end of clip. Kids are throughout the whole scene which takes place at a cafe in Paris. It will be sung in Italian with the lead roles being sung by the best opera singers in our country! Orchestra will be made up mostly of RPO players.

I actually got a kick out of watching this, seeing it from the conductors perspective! It gives you an idea of the environment too. This is the total scene: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_VM7zcVOd8 child soloist was off key, oops.

Below is a prospective schedule which I am improvising from the Tosca year. **THIS IS NOT THE SCHEDULE**, just an example which will be very close to the one they will use. Esp the last 2 weeks. Note that some of the initial rehearsals will be in Geneseo and all the staging will be in Canandaigua. I hope to pull from the Geneseo singers as well as the Canandaigua singers, with perhaps some from Rochester. Please make sure you are available when considering this and let me know as soon as possible. This is a professional company and we cannot waste their time and money. This will be an invaluable experience for anyone that is involved.

I can only take 12, and would like an even distribution of boys to girls. Age range/height is important too. Its important that we learn the Italian, are memorized and free to have a blast by first staging rehearsal. Hence the early rehearsals to get you started with the Italian and learn the score.

Please contact your director if you can do this: include your height and possible schedule conflicts that we can possibly negotiate with.

These are dates that are set in stone, (and in Geneseo) If there are some conflicts we can work around.

6/14 - 4:00-5:00pm

6/16 - 1:00-2:00pm

7/3 - 4:00-5:00pm

7/5 - 4:00-5:00pm

7/7 - 1:00-2:30pm

These next dates are in Canandaigua and these are approximate dates/times, parallel to the last opera for an idea of what is involved:

7/23 - 4:00-5:00pm

7/24 - 4:00-5:00pm

7/27 - 3:00-5:00pm

7/30 - 7:00-9:00pm

7/31 - 7:00-9:00pm

8/1 - 7:00-10:00pm

8/3 - 5:30-10:00pm (the children may not have to be there the whole time)

8/4 - 2:00-4:30pm (orch read thru), 6:30-9:00pm (Blocking w/orch)

Performance week - this is most likely going to be just the same as last year.

8/5 - dress rehearsal (7:00pm call, 7:30pm start)

8/6 - dress rehearsal (6:30pm call, 7:00pm start)

8/7 - dress rehearsal (6:30pm call, 7:00pm start)

8/9 - performance (6:30pm call, 7:30pm start)

8/11 - performance (1:00pm call, 2:00pm start)

Thank you,
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