



Dear Music/Arts Scheduler,

The Lyric Opera Express's new opera for the 2008-2009 school year is *The Three Little Pigs*. This delightful opera is based on the classic children's fairy tale, but has a special humorous twist with references to *The Wizard of Oz*. The opera uses musical themes from great operas, including Puccini's *La bohème*, Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Verdi's *La traviata*, Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* and more! As in all Lyric Opera Express programs, a chorus of children from the school has the opportunity to perform and sing in this opera. Simple costumes for the children's chorus and opera scenery are provided. Comprehensive education materials, including a student activity packet, also are included.

**You are invited to attend a free teacher workshop at the Lyric Theatre on Monday, November 10, 2008 to learn more about *The Three Little Pigs* and how to prepare the children's chorus for the performance.** The education packet with study guide and student activities will be distributed at the workshop. The workshop will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Teachers may wish to stay for the 7:30 p.m. Monday evening performance of the opera *Julius Caesar* by Handel. If you would like to purchase tickets to this exciting masterwork, please call our ticket office at (816) 471-7344. Educators will receive a 20% discount for their ticket.

Reserve your Lyric Opera Express performance date now, and receive priority in your schedule preference with Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Director of Education at 816-471-4933, ext. 126.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Winans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paula Winans  
Director of Education

LYRIC OPERA EXPRESS  
2008-2009 OPERA

# THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

**Wicked Wolf of the West and Ruby Slippers and a Tornado! Oh My!**

*The Three Little Pigs*, by Joseph and Paula Winans, is based on the classic children's fairy tale, but has a special humorous twist with references to *The Wizard of Oz*. The opera uses musical themes from great operas, including Puccini's *La bohème*, Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Verdi's *La traviata*, Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* and more! The story addresses the importance of making healthy eating and exercise choices, planning ahead and being organized, and accepting and respecting others, including one's brothers and sisters. As in all Lyric Opera Express programs, a chorus of children from the school is able to perform and sing in this opera. Each school receives an educational packet with study guide and student activities.

The school receives an in-school student workshop and selects one classroom of students (any grade level) to work with professional opera singers and sing in the chorus. Professional opera singers provide a one-hour in-school workshop rehearsal immediately prior to the performance. Teachers may choose to have children wear matching clothes, for example, white t-shirts and jeans during the performance.

The classroom and/or music teachers attend a free teacher workshop at the Lyric Theatre to learn how to prepare the children's chorus for the performance. **The teacher workshop is at the Lyric Theatre on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. The vocal music teacher selects 28 students and prepares them as the chorus for the performance.**

**Appropriate for grades K-6**

\$585 single performance, \$895 double performance

(If audience size exceeds 350, a double performance must be booked.)

For performance locations greater than 40 miles from the Lyric Theatre, program cost will need to include mileage and singers' *per diem*.

Length of performance is 45 minutes.

Children's chorus maximum is 28.

Maximum audience size is 350.

Number of chaperones is 1 per class.

For more information, please call **Robert McNichols, Jr.**, Lyric Opera Education Department, at **816-471-4933, extension 126**.

*LYRIC OPERA EXPRESS*  
***The Three Little Pigs***  
*PROGRAM REQUEST FORM*

School \_\_\_\_\_ School Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ School E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & E-mail address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

The Lyric Opera Express performs on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. **A two-hour block of time needs to be reserved in the performance area.** The first hour is for set-up and student workshop rehearsal; the second hour is for the performance.

Please select two dates that would work for the school and suggest a possible two-hour time period. **Schools requesting a double performance should list a three-hour time period.**

1. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

*You may choose a maximum of 28 students to sing in the opera.*

**Please return completed form to:**

**Robert McNichols, Jr.  
Education Department  
Lyric Opera of Kansas City  
1029 Central  
Kansas City, MO 64105**

**You may fax the form to:**

**816-471-0602**

*LYRIC OPERA EXPRESS*  
**The Three Little Pigs**  
TEACHER WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name(s) of teacher(s) attending workshop at the Lyric Theatre on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete and return this form by Monday, November 3, 2008.**

(Clip and save as a reminder)

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