

AmazingVox School Residencies

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Annalisa Winberg and Roy Stevens are married international opera singers. They have performed professionally in 22 countries and on 5 of 7 continents. For several years, in between international travels, they have also performed their acclaimed AmazingVox School Residencies across the country in hundreds of schools, for tens of thousands of young people: Elementary, Middle and High Schools, Continuation High schools, Juvenile Hall Schools; large & urban, small & rural, public and private.

They have a special gift for communicating with, planting seeds of educational interest in and entertaining young people.

Many adults assume that "opera singers" will be dull, boring, fat and annoying; that today's young people will be uninterested. Annalisa and Roy confound such thinking by connecting with young people in a fun and fundamental way, utilizing their international caliber performing abilities, powerful voices (which are very surprising to those who have only experienced amplified voices) and their engaging educational content. They love working with young people and the students "get it!"

The Assembly: "The Amazing Human Voice...aka Ancient Rap!" is an entertaining and interactive age-adjusted interdisciplinary learning experience. It inspires young people's interest in Visual & Performing Arts, Geography, Foreign Language, Social Studies, World History and Literature (touching upon **State Content and Framework Standards** in many areas), while also introducing the operatic art form. Follow-Up Classes and Interactive Workshops deepen and personalize the educational content.

Residencies: AmazingVox residencies generally fit into three basic categories; Half-Day, Full-Day and Performance Project. Residencies begin with the basic assembly to spark the children's interest and imagination, move past pre-conceived ideas and establish the educational parameters. The Residency continues with Follow-Up Classes and Interactive Workshops as time permits.

Performance Projects: are unique and unforgettable experiences for the participants, planting seeds of self-confidence, inspiration and educational excitement that can last a lifetime. These can be done by a full small school student body, After School Program, Gifted and Talented Program, High School Fine Arts Students, or multiple sites.

- **Half Day Residency** is 2-3 hours of assemblies and interactive workshops.
- **Full Day Residency** of unlimited assemblies, classes and workshops
 - ◊ For the entire school and can include an after-school session
- **Performance Project Residency:** One or more Full Days or Half Days
 - ◊ Includes preparation materials, rehearsals, related study topics, plus a public performance (participants are staged, costumed and sing in multiple languages alongside Roy & Annalisa)

*A high school audience is a pretty tough group to impress. **Your opera program (opera!) kept the students wide-eyed with wonder and they were involved the entire time.** You also related opera to experiences they are dealing with right now, in real life and in classes. The English teachers were especially glowing in their praise.*

An extraordinary experience!

- **Brad Thompson, Hughson High School**

With energy and friendly enthusiasm the talented couple opened the hearts, minds and souls of the Lakewood children to opera. Staff and students alike were amazed and educated. Everyone benefited from this wondrous assembly.

Take advantage of having these international singers at your school today!!

- **Kave Osborne, Lakewood School**

It was remarkable how you were able to engage the children in your performance. You were able to work past their doubt and apprehension to keep their interest and attention.

Not only did you introduce them to opera, but you also allowed them to dream!

- **Cathy Walke, Stanislaus Co. Juvenile Hall**

*Roy and Annalisa are true professionals who provide a user-friendly experience to the world of opera. These two opera singers show the true spirit of opera and music that is universal and for all ages. **The way they teach children is especially exciting,** showcasing that children can really do anything, especially with the help of these two amazing people.*

- **Michael Nicholson, Region VI Co-Lead Stanislaus County Office of Education**

*It was a captivating performance. We learned and laughed. We sighed and we sang. Even "lowbrows" enjoyed the assembly. **Thanks for enlightening and enchanting us!!***

- **Pat Golding, Hickman Charter School**

*Thank you for coming to our school, we really enjoyed it. **In my opinion you are outstanding, excellent, humorous, magnificent and awesome!***

- **5th grader, Rising Sun Elementary, Vernalis**

