

AmazingVox School Residencies

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Elementary and Middle Schools

*I first thought presenting an opera themed assembly for our elementary children would be a stretch for their attention span and understanding curve. I was proven wrong on both fronts. The children were very attentive and genuinely interested in everything; singing in so many languages and stories that included geography lessons. As a culminating activity, the Social Studies lessons for our 4th and 5th grade children were an extra bonus. **The Social Studies teachers said they learned new ways to present social studies activities to students that would make their lesson plans more interactive.***

I would, with enthusiasm, recommend this assembly not only to elementary aged children but also to all ages; as there is something for everyone.

- **Larry Armbrust, Centennial Elementary School Principal, Oregon**

*The students and staff at both schools **REALLY dug it!** I must admit I was skeptical, but even the "cool" high school kids were into the program. I won't make anymore "not until the fat lady sings" jokes.*

- **Downieville and Pliocene Ridge (K-12) Schools Principal, California**

Thanks sooooo much!! You were awesome!! What a great presentation!

- **Nancy Watson, Math Teacher, Presque Isle Middle School, Maine**

*I must admit that I had grave reservations when I heard there would be an assembly with "opera" as the subject. I remained wary until you got the first laugh, then a "buzz" throughout the audience. You had our middle-schoolers in your hand, which is a challenge! What a difference it made, how you interacted with the students! **Watching my students totally entertained/educated for a class period, my reservations totally melted away.***

- **Jim Bogue, Teacher, Fort Bragg Middle School, California**

Classes & Interactive Workshops

Following the introductory assembly Annalisa and Roy can separately lead classes and interactive workshops in a wide variety of subjects. This allows for in-depth follow-up to the topics introduced in the assembly and a much more personal impact on the young people:

K-3: Interactive Workshop of Rhythm, Music and World Culture, Opera and Musical Theater on DVD

4-8: Rhythm, Music & World Culture, Interactive Social Studies, Acting Workshop, Choral Workshop, Opera and Musical Theater on DVD

9-12: Choral Workshop, Acting Workshop, US History, World History, Social Studies, English Literature for Shakespeare/Homer, Visual Art, Foreign Language, Opera and Musical Theater on DVD

Performance Projects

are intense, interactive and participatory projects for large numbers of children, ending with a staged public performance in costume and singing in several languages. For After-School Programs, Fine Arts students, GATE students, or the entire student body of small K-5, K-8 or K-12 schools.

Conceived for students with no previous performing experience, the Performance Projects create memories that last a lifetime, as well as planting seeds of confidence and inspiration that may bloom in many aspects of their lives and education.

Students, K-8

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

- **5th grade student, Rising Sun Elementary, California**

*To be honest with you, I'm not really a big opera fan, I'm a Rap and Soul music fan. You encouraged me to give it a chance. I never wanted to listen to opera, but when I heard you sing, I wanted to hear more. I also wanted to get up there and sing with you! **I felt that if I gave opera a chance I could like it, maybe even love it!***

- **7th grade student, Chambersburg Middle School, Pennsylvania**

*I liked your presentation. I learned a lot. I like how you presented opera. **It was cool, funny, and strange at the same time.** I never knew opera was so cool. I will never forget the different languages. I wish you could come again.*

- **6th grade student, Palermo Consolidated School, Maine**

Dear Opra Gests (sic):

*Thank you for coming and teach us adout singing. **You sing laud and you are grate.***

Sincerely,

- **2nd grade student, Forks Elementary, Washington**

