



# REGION VI AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Have a story you would like to share to the entire region about your site, student or staff member? Let us know!
- Don't forget that October is the month for after school programs to celebrate with "Lights On." Let's get the word out that after school programs are a safe, fun and educational place for our kids. The date is October 12.

# OPERA PERFORMANCE GARNERS BIG OVATION

"Bravo! Bravo!" thundered through the auditorium of Summit Charter Academy as the after school program students sang, acted and danced their way through three opera performances Friday, September 8. Two performances were held in the morning for all the students' peers and the final performance at 6 p.m. for family members, friends and community partners.

For eight days the after school program was privi-



The toreadors strike a pose as they prepare for their battle with the bulls as the gypsies look on.

leged to work with two international opera stars Annalisa Winberg and Roy Stevens. Both singers came to Summit Charter and worked with students to perform "The Toreador" from Carmen and German Songs from selected operas.

The students were intensely involved with this demanding academic project on a daily basis, in addition to their regular Homework Club. Not only did



At the end of the performance the bulls are defeated and roses are thrown to the toreadors.

they learn the history of opera and music, but the influences Europe has had with arts and language that effect us even today. The students made wall displays placed in the lobby area to show what they



Annalisa Winberg shows the gypsies how to open their fans during a sequence in "The Toreador."

# HIGH PRAISE FOR STUDENT OPERA

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had learn and how they researched their topics. Additionally, they helped make all their costumes, sets and even controlled the sound

booth for the three performances. The performances could not have been done with the talent and organization skills of Catherine House and staff member Darcy Fantazia. Their hard work and dedication to this project

made it the success it was. Stanislaus County Office of Education plans on continuing this special project annually with other after school programs in the area. Once again "Bravo" to Summit Charter!



Summit Charter Academy's after school programs' kindergarten through third graders preformed two songs in German and helped create their costumes. All performances were standing room only and the students were a big hit with their peers, teachers and families.

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The new hit comedy "Ugly Betty" is based on type of serialized shows from Mexico and South America called?



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