

SPOTLIGHT CONCERT

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WELCOME!

We are so excited to begin another spring of OPERA Iowa performances across the state of Iowa! We are thrilled to present the “Spotlight Concert” as part of the 2024 OPERA Iowa season.

The OPERA Iowa “Spotlight Concert” features arias and ensembles from the most well-known operas as well as favorite musical theatre pieces that are sure to have you humming along. The concert is presented in either a 60-minute community performance or a 45-minute school version which includes a Q&A with the singers following the performance. The singers selected for this year’s tour are excellent! Each year Des Moines Metro Opera hears live and recorded auditions from over 1,000 applicants from across the country, and the artists handpicked for this season can’t wait to share this concert experience with you!

We would be happy to have programs mailed to you two weeks prior to OPERA Iowa’s scheduled performance if you would like to add your own inserts. In most cases, however, the troupe will plan to bring the programs when they arrive the day of the performance. If you find that you need any assistance as you prepare for OPERA Iowa’s visit, please feel free to call 515-961-6221 or email Bridget Anderson at banderson@dmmo.org.

We cannot wait to visit your community and look forward to all that the 2024 tour has in store!

Before the Performance

BOOK YOUR PERFORMANCE DATE After you have read through this packet, begin the booking process by filling out the [Performance Request Form](#). DMMO staff will then reach out to confirm an available performance date and add you to the tour schedule.

SIGN YOUR CONTRACT AND PAY YOUR DEPOSIT Shortly after booking your performance date, you will receive a contract and invoice for deposit. Returning your signed contract and deposit will confirm your spot on our tour calendar.

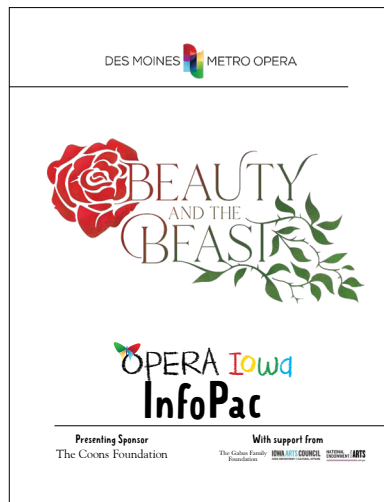
ADVANCE SHEET We will send out Advance Sheets in January to collect specific information about your visit (this is previously the Info Sheet). This will include details for our technical staff so they know what to expect on arrival and how many students are attending the workshops and performances.

FINAL PREPARATIONS DMMO staff will reach out about a week before your performance to confirm final details. Please pay careful attention to this communication to update any last minute changes.

Support culture in your community!

Vibrant scenery, colorful costumes, theatrical lighting and more are also a part of what the OPERA Iowa Education Touring Troupe brings to classrooms all over the Midwest!

OPERA Iowa provides exciting performances, concerts, workshops and masterclasses that entertain and educate in an effort to make opera more understandable and accessible to students and families. For more information on how to bring OPERA Iowa to your school or community, please call Bridget Anderson at 515-961-6221 or email banderson@dmmo.org.



CHECKLIST

- On-site coordinator** (this may be you) to answer any questions.
- Performance space:**
 - An auditorium, theater, gym or cafeteria that is adequate for up to 5 singers and a piano.
 - Floor and/or chair seating for students/audience members.
- Additional spaces:**
 - At least two (2) dressing rooms (restrooms reserved for DMMO are acceptable).
 - An area that is secured where personal belongings can be stored (office or lockable room).
- A **tuned piano** for the performance.
- A **table** outside the performance area for programs and a display about the Des Moines Metro Opera summer opera festival.

After the Performance

You can help Des Moines Metro Opera by sending a few thank you letters, colorful drawings, postcards, or other interesting works of art to our leading corporate supporters. Sponsors have told us that letters of appreciation from students and teachers mean a great deal to them. We also include these examples when we apply for grants which support OPERA Iowa in the future. We love to see these in our office as well. The OPERA Iowa troupe members especially like to receive mail sent by the students they have met on the tour.

You can send your thank yous to Des Moines Metro Opera by mail or email, and we'll take care of the rest!

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After the Performance

BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE IN IOWA!

Why? Because cultural programs like OPERA Iowa are important to the state of Iowa. Please send a letter to your local Representative, Congress member or Senator to invite them to support arts and culture in Iowa. Your input is invaluable to helping maintain the level of support Iowa currently invests into the arts. Past letters from grateful OPERA Iowa students were included within the U.S. Congressional Record as part of the National Endowment for the Arts' request for renewed funding.

To contact your Iowa State Representative or Senator to share your support of programs like OPERA Iowa, visit:

WEBSITE: www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators

To contact Iowa's elected leadership to encourage continued support of arts funding to programs like OPERA Iowa: www.legis.iowa.gov/contacts/federallinks

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