

2009-10 Student Backstage Tours Order Form

- For grades 3-12 and college
- At least 1 but no more than 2 chaperones for every 15 students are required
- Tours are conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Each tour takes approximately 90 minutes
- \$5.00 admission also applies to chaperones
- Payment in full must accompany all orders
- No refunds or exchanges
- Eating and drinking are not permitted anywhere on the premises
- Please be punctual on your tour day!

New!

We will send written confirmation of your assigned tour date and arrival time within just three weeks of receiving your order! Orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Order now—space is limited!**

EDUCATOR AND SCHOOL INFORMATION

(please print clearly in pen)

School Name and District _____

Contact Name _____ Title _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

School Phone (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____

ORDER INFORMATION

Enter your four best possibilities from the following dates (⊕ = sold out):

January ~~25~~

February ~~2, 22~~

March 5, 8, 9, 15, 17, 22, 23, 24

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

Earliest possible arrival time: _____ a.m. Transportation _____ If buses, how many? _____

Grade level(s) _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check or money order enclosed
(payable to Lyric Opera of Chicago)

Master Card Visa AMEX
 Diners Discover

Students _____

Chaperones _____ (at least one per 15 students)

Total _____ x \$5.00

= \$ _____ **TOTAL DUE**

Account Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (required for charge orders only) _____

Mail this order form **with payment** to:
(Please copy both sides for your records)

**Lyric Opera of Chicago
Education Department
20 N. Wacker Dr.
Chicago, IL 60606
Attn: Student Backstage Tours**

Or CHARGE BY FAX: 312-419-1977



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The Lyric Opera of Chicago Education Department's backstage tours offer students from 3rd grade through college a unique opportunity to see the inner workings of the Civic Opera House and learn what really goes on behind the scenes of a world-class opera company. Tours take place during the regular season while our operations are in full swing—when the stagehands, carpenters, painters, electricians, tailors, wigmakers, makeup artists, directors, designers, and musicians are all working together to bring Lyric's productions to the stage. It's quite a process, and it involves a tremendous variety of talents!

During the course of the tour, your students will:

- Explore the lavish interiors of the Rice Foyer and the Ardis Krainik Theatre
- Look down into the orchestra pit and learn about how the conductor, instrumentalists, and singers work together
- Check out Mission Control (actually it's the stage manager's console)
- Visit the Wig and Makeup Department to view current productions' wigs and beards—all painstakingly hand-made on the premises
- Visit the Wardrobe Department where hundreds of costumes are created, custom fitted, and cared for every season
- Visit the stars' dressing rooms, the dressing rooms of the chorus and supernumeraries, and the orchestra lounge
- Get a close look at an array of armor and stage weapons, much of which was crafted by Lyric's own full-time armorer
- See a props display featuring everything from rubber bricks to plastic food
- Take a ride in one of our large scenery elevators
- Venture across a catwalk six stories above the stage
- Really get behind the scenes (or actually beneath!) under the stage floor and see how Lyric builds trapdoors and lifts
- Pass through rehearsal areas (but quietly—often there are rehearsals in progress!)
- Try on costumes and armor at our interactive stations

Tours are 90 minutes long, and each tour group of about 15 (this number must include one or two adult chaperones) is led by a docent from the Lyric Opera Education Corps. Some stairs are involved, but we can easily accommodate wheelchairs if we know in advance.

Admission is \$5.00 per person (including teachers and chaperones).

Be sure to bring a camera!

How to reserve a space for your students:

Return the completed order form on the reverse (including your four date choices) with payment. You will receive written confirmation of your tour date and arrival time within 3 weeks of our receiving your order. Questions? Please call 312-827-5912. Each year we host over 6,000 backstage tourists from more than 100 schools and receive requests for even more, so reserve your space early!

Tour route and content subject to change without notice if necessary to accommodate unforeseen production requirements. Such changes are extremely rare and do not in any way compromise the quality of the tour experience.