

Opera: The Elixir of Learning

A course for teachers of grades 3-8 in all subject areas to develop your very own unit based upon Donizetti's delightful opera The Elixir of Love.

Let opera be the elixir that makes your students fall in love with reading, writing, music, and drama! Explore how the arts can help keep your students engaged and improve their cultural literacy, reading comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and expression. Current participants in Lyric's outreach efforts will discover how to extend the impact of our Opera in the Neighborhoods and Opera in the Classroom programs. Even if you've never participated in a Lyric Opera Education program before—or even if you've never been interested in opera before—this course will infuse your curriculum with fresh ideas and creativity. Opera is for **everyone!**—and can be taught by **anyone!**

- **Monday (Maia Morgan)** focuses on literary components of the opera text, including reading comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and expression. Maia is an accomplished writer, actress, and teacher of poetry, creative writing, dance, and theater and leads professional development workshops throughout the Chicago area.
- **Tuesday (Nikki Zaleski)** focuses on character development through drama techniques. Nikki is passionate about theater for social change and creating drama through movement, innovative storytelling, and collaboration.
- **Wednesday (Lyric Opera staff)** focuses on general music principals and listening strategies. Staff member backgrounds include music education, music performance, and theater and opera studies.
- **Thursday (Máire O'Brien & Michael Smallwood)** focuses on what makes opera tick with insider information about singers, set design, and production. Máire is an accomplished opera singer and Michael is Lyric's Assistant Technical Director.
- **Friday** is the culmination of the week and provides a forum in which to collaborate with your colleagues and try out some of your ideas in a workshop setting. Conclude with a backstage tour that brings the previous days' work to life against the backdrop of an historic landmark: the Civic Opera House.



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Date: June 22-26, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Civic Opera House: 20 N. Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL
Course Fee: \$125 payable to Lyric Opera of Chicago (due with application)
Credit: 15 CPDUs; 1 Lane Credit for CPS teachers*
State Goals: 1-4, 25-27, among others; also includes many CPS Academic Standards
Enrollment: Ends June 8, 2009. Space is limited and will fill quickly!

*In order to receive Lane Credit, Chicago Public School teachers must also register on-line at <http://pdcentral.cps.k12.il.us>.

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Registration: **NAME**

Deadline: June 8, 2009

Directions: Submit this form to Lyric Opera with payment. In addition, CPS teachers **MUST** also register online at <http://pdcentral.cps.k12.il.us>. Enrollment closes June 8, 2009, or earlier if class fills. Space is limited and will fill quickly.

EDUCATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School Phone: (____) _____ School Fax: (____) _____

Name of Principal or Supervisor: _____

Grade Level and Subject Taught: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Mail this order form **with payment** of \$125 to:

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Education Department
20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 860
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*"I enjoyed the enthusiasm of the class teacher – who makes
all the difference in realizing **we can do this!**"*