



Dear Parents,

Over the next two weeks your child will experience the thrill of opera through the Austin Opera's *Opera Treasure Chest*. This is an Education Program that gives children a glimpse of opera through music, images, lessons, and play. At the end of your school's time with the *Opera Treasure Chest*, a singer from the Austin Opera will perform for the school and interact with students to reinforce what they have just learned about the different parts of the opera.

The *Opera Treasure Chest* itself is a special thing. It was hand-painted by Francine Mastrangelo, an artist who lives in Austin. Her drawings are based on characters from famous operas, some of which you see on this letter! Do you recognize any of them? Perhaps after your student has finished exploring the *Opera Treasure Chest*, they can tell you more about these characters. We hope that your students will truly enjoy the thrill of the opera through the Austin Opera's *Opera Treasure Chest*!

We also invite you to join us for one of the Austin Opera's mainstage performances this season. Austin Opera is putting on one of its best seasons to date with productions of *A Masked Ball*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Don Giovanni*. During our Sunday matinee performances, we offer an opportunity for parents to attend the opera and bring their children (ages 5-12) to our Matinee Music Camp. At the camp, children participate in music lessons led by the Armstrong Community Music School. Usually the cost of the Music Camp is \$20 per child, plus the cost of Austin Opera tickets (prices start at \$19/ticket).

We would like to offer you a 50% discount on the cost of the Music Camp enrollment when you purchase tickets to an Austin Opera performance.

Space is limited, so please call our Box Office at 512-610-7684 to reserve your tickets today! (When you call, please mention that your student is participating in the *Opera Treasure Chest* program)

Thank you and enjoy the opera!

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