

CULTURAL ARTS

Student Night at the Opera

Independence Middle School PTA and the Virginia Opera are offering a wonderful opportunity for students to attend all four final dress rehearsals of the Virginia Opera's 2009-2010 season for only \$25. This spectacular event includes: La Boheme, Thursday, October 1; The Daughter of the Regiment on Thursday, November 12; Don Giovanni on Thursday, February 11 and Porgy and Bess on Thursday, April 8. This is our sixth year of participating in this entertaining and educational event. All Operas are rated PG-13.

Students who sign up for this program will meet at IMS at 6:15 p.m. on the night of each opera. Students will be driven with their carpool to the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk by an assigned parent driver/chaperone. Students will return to the school with their assigned parent driver/chaperone. Students should immediately be picked up at the school by parents. Most of the scheduled operas end by 10:15 p.m. This is an extraordinary, fun, and cultural experience for your child.

Students from all over Hampton Roads are taking advantage of this fantastic opportunity. Independence Middle School has a wonderful seating section reserved in the side orchestra! Students enjoy being out with their friends, dressing up, viewing the orchestra pit, and watching the orchestra warm up before the performance. Students also browse through the gift shop and go to the snack bar during the intermissions.

Please look for the Student Night at the Opera permission slip available on the IMS Web site under PTA. This permission slip and a check payable to IMS-PTA must be returned to school no later than Tuesday, September 15, 2009. The Virginia Opera requires this in order to secure our reserved seating before tickets are issued. Tickets are issued on a first come first serve basis. Don't miss out! Send your forms and checks back to school in an envelope marked SN@O-PTA (write student's name and "opera" in the subject line). Please contact me via e-mail midgett217417969@aol.com or call 363-7778 with any questions. Please visit www.vaopera.org and click current operas for detailed information about these operas.

Hope to see you at the Opera,

Lita R. P. Slaughter,
IMS-PTA Arts in Education Chairperson

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