

Jenůfa by Janáček

Student Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 pm sharp!

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A monument of 20th century opera, *Jenůfa* is set in a small village in Moravia, Czechoslovakia, a little over 100 years ago. Jenůfa, the prettiest girl in town, is passionately in love with handsome Števa, a charming, irresponsible drunkard. But Jenůfa has a guilty secret: she is expecting Števa's baby – and in this strict, morally rigid society, a girl who has a child out of wedlock faces life-long shame and dishonour.

When Števa's stepbrother, Laca, slashes Jenůfa's cheek in a fit of jealous passion, her good looks are ruined, and Števa loses interest in her. Jenůfa's stepmother hides her away in her home until the baby is born, and then, fearful for Jenůfa's future and the family reputation, decides to secretly kill the illegitimate child and arrange for Jenůfa to marry Laca. But on their wedding day, the crime is discovered.

Jenůfa is a powerful, haunting drama with complex, richly imagined characters. The music expresses profound passion and compassion, while also capturing the colourful rhythms and harmonies of traditional Moravian folk song.

This unforgettable opera is directed by Atom Egoyan, who grew up in Victoria and attended Mount Doug School and is now an internationally renowned director of opera and film.

In Czech with English surtitles. Students \$15 / Chaperones \$15

Complimentary "*Living Opera*" In-classroom Workshops

Building self-esteem through libretto-writing

(Recommended for grades 3 to 8)

Costumed singers perform a joyous and inspiring live excerpt from Janáček's opera (sung first in the original Czech, then in English), after which students will be guided through re-writing the libretto text, creating brand new opera stories that celebrate their own success & accomplishments.

Sopranos Anna Shill & Julia Hensley will work collaboratively with students to explore music and text as a means of celebrating personal strengths, prompting young people to consider how community members can help and support one another.

This workshop connects to the BC Arts Education Curriculum by creating music collaboratively using ideas inspired by imagination, experimentation and personal play and using music to explore relationships between identity, society and belonging.

These free workshops are offered from September 18th-October 6th.

Call now to book your tickets to *Jenůfa* dress rehearsal or to arrange an In-Class Workshop. Contact Ainslee Jessiman, Box Office Manager, at 250.385.0222 or boxoffice@pov.bc.ca

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Permission Form

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is invited to attend the Student Dress Rehearsal for Pacific Opera Victoria's production of Janáček's *Jenůfa* on October 10th at 7pm.

Please read the information at the top of this form, then sign and return the permission slip at the bottom of this form to _____ by _____.

Event Information:

Date: Tuesday, October 10th at 7pm (performance ends approx. 9:45pm)
performance begins promptly at 7pm. Audience must be seated by 6:55pm

Location: The Royal Theatre, 805 Broughton Street (corner of Blanshard)

Purpose: An educational opportunity to attend a live, professional opera.

Cost: \$15 for students/ \$15 for chaperones

Cash or check payable to: _____

Means of Transportation: _____

Special Instructions: _____

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Sign this part of the form and return it to your child's teacher.

_____ has permission to attend the Student Dress Rehearsal for Pacific Opera Victoria's production of Janáček's *Jenůfa* on October 10th at 7pm.

Enclosed, please find cash/cheque in the amount of _____ to cover the cost.

In an emergency, please contact: Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I wish to be a chaperone Yes No *(please note, each school is allowed to bring a limited number of chaperones)*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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