

Opera Prime! Artists, Arias and Art Song

Middle and High School Music classes

Opera Fort Collins will bring singers from our talent pool of Apprentice, Studio and Bel Canto Artists with an accompanist to your school for 45 minutes to 1 hour which will include a 30 minute performance. Our artists will perform Opera Arias, Art Song and Musical Theatre selections. These performances can be scheduled back to back, if the music educator is wanting more than one class to work with our artists.

They will demonstrate accurate and expressive singing while sharing their personal interpretation of advanced solo repertoire. Our artists will discuss the styles of singing demonstrated and give historical, situational and character perspective for each selection. They will talk about genre and vocal style. The accompanist is vital to the quality and success of the performance and will be included in the discussion by our OFC Artists.

Other topics of discussion may include

- Performance and practice
- Musicality, technique and rhythmic accuracy
- Voice types, qualities and classifications
- Classical singing vocal production and the breath
- Singing without amplification and the demands on the singer
- Risk taking in pursuing and developing ones instrument
- Care of the singer's body and voice
- How does an accompanist follow or lead a singer through a piece of music?
- Finding one's voice and developing it through study and practice
- Careers in Music

Students will be encouraged to ask questions of the performers. The teacher is encouraged to brainstorm appropriate questions prior to our Artists' visit.

To book *Opera Prime!* Contact Jane Haycraft at haycraftjane@gmail.com or

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