

WNO YOUNG ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

A new initiative from the Washington National Opera and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Student Application Form

What is the program?

WNO Young Associates gives high school students in the DC metro area who are interested in pursuing opera in college or as a career the opportunity to learn from and observe one of the world's premiere opera companies.

The program will revolve around rehearsal observation of WNO's production of *La bohème*.

- Opportunities to observe the process of creating an opera through rehearsals at various stages
- Access to WNO and Kennedy Center rehearsal and performance spaces
- Experience watching and learning about key opera repertoire
- Direct interaction with professionals in the field through discussion sessions with WNO artistic staff and the Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists

Additional events may be added throughout the school year. These would include rehearsal observations of other WNO 2014-2015 productions, as well as workshops and, for select participants, opportunities to sing for professional feedback.

Who can participate?

Students in grades 9-12 in the DC metro area who:

- Currently study classical voice at a high level,
- Show potential in classical voice if given additional learning opportunities, or
- Are genuinely interested in exploring opera or related fields as a career.

Students must be able to attend all mandatory events to participate.

When and where will the program take place?

Please see the following page for the full tentative schedule. Events will be held at the WNO rehearsal studios in Takoma Park, MD, and at the Kennedy Center.

The program will focus on the rehearsal process for one of the world's most beloved operas, *La bohème*, which will take place throughout the month of **October 2014**, with additional events held throughout the school year. Events will be held on Saturdays and occasional evenings.

What is the cost?

Application fee: \$ 6.00

Program fee: \$40.00 (includes all events)

Need-based scholarships are available.

How do I apply?

Application materials include an application form, a teacher recommendation, and a \$6.00 application fee. Submit the application form, recommendation, and application fee to:

Education/WNO Young Associates
The Kennedy Center
P.O. Box 101510
Arlington, VA 22210

Applications must be received by **Monday, October 6, 2014**.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to The Kennedy Center. Cash is also accepted.

Teacher recommendations may be submitted with student materials; alternately, teachers can submit the form directly by emailing it to akday@kennedy-center.org or faxing it to (202) 416-4843.

Questions? Contact us at akday@kennedy-center.org or (202) 416-8846.

WNO Young Associates Fall 2014 Program:
La bohème

SCHEDULE

The Fall 2014 WNO Young Associates program will focus on rehearsal observations of the company's new production of *La bohème*. Additionally, students will participate in discussions and Q&A sessions with WNO staff and creative team members. Additional events and workshops may be added throughout the year.

Mandatory Events:

Saturday, October 11, 1-5:30 p.m., WNO Rehearsal Studios

Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., WNO Rehearsal Studios

Saturday, October 25, 5-10 p.m., The Kennedy Center

Wednesday, October 29, 7-10 p.m., The Kennedy Center

Optional Events:

Thursday, October 23, 6-7 p.m., Millennium Stage Opera Preview

Friday, November 7, 12-1 p.m., Opera Look-In

All dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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Name:	
Grade Level:	Voice Part:
Preferred Phone Number:	Email Address:
Parent/Guardian Name:	Parent Email Address:
Parent Phone Number:	Alternate Phone Number:
Current High School:	
Do you take voice lessons? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, for how long?	
Do you sing in choral ensembles? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, for how long?	
Please list any music and theater courses you take in or out of school:	
Why are you interested in the WNO Young Associates program?	
What do you hope to gain from the program?	
What are your long and short-term goals?	
What do you feel you need to work on as a performer?	
Additional comments:	
Student Signature:	Date:
Parent Signature:	Date: