Education Initiative
Storytelling through Opera with The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Virginia

In February and March of 2023, Charlottesville Opera began a new education initiative aimed at storytelling through opera. The initiative took place in conjunction with The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Virginia, specifically the Journey and Cherry Avenue locations. Students took part in a 6 week series of sessions during which they

1. learned about opera,
2. wrote their own stories,
3. created costumes,
4. built sets,
5. worked with singers to discover characters’ emotions, and
6. presented the opera to the rest of their club members.

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It takes an artist with an educator’s heart to win students to opera.

Classically trained singers from around the Central Virginia region auditioned to be a part of the Education Initiative.

Educators experienced in opera, art, music, and theater led the sessions.
1. MEET AN OPERA SINGER

2. BRAINSTORM YOUR STORY

3. CREATE CHARACTERS WITH COSTUMES

4. FIND YOUR PLACE - SETS AND PROPS

5. PUT IT ALL TOGETHER!