WYSONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Grade 5 Parents and Students,

Wysong and the New York Metropolitan Opera have partnered to offer a unique opportunity for 5th grade students. Through a program called HD at the Met, tickets are provided to students FREE OF CHARGE to watch a live performance at the Ross Theater on the UNL campus as it is performed in New York. Curriculum materials are provided to us to study the opera, as well as music arranged just for students so that they have the opportunity to sing/perform the music.

Our last performance of the season is **Saturday, April 28 at 11:55 a.m**. and runs @2 hrs. 50 min. The opera is ”Cendrillon” by Massenet. See the synopsis below:

*Pandolfe, a country gentleman, has married Madame de la Haltière, an imperious countess. She and her daughters, Noémie and Dorothée, bully Pandolfe’s daughter from his first marriage, Lucette—known as Cendrillon. Now, for the first time ever, Massenet’s sumptuous take on the Cinderella story comes to the Met, with Joyce DiDonato starring in the title role. She is paired with mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the trouser role of Prince Charming, Kathleen Kim as the Fairy Godmother, and Stephanie Blythe as the imperious Madame de la Haltière. Bertrand de Billy conducts Laurent Pelly’s imaginative storybook production.*

Tickets are free to students but we will need parents to help provide transportation either by driving your own student or carpooling.  **Tickets are given out on a first come/first served basis** aswe will be sharing available tickets with a couple of other schools so getting your permission slip in quickly is important. Anyone who doesn’t get a ticket may purchase a ticket to see this opera with us for $17. **The** **deadline to turn in permission slips is Friday, April 20**. Parents can always purchase tickets at the Ross for $24 each and join us. Students may bring money to purchase snacks and drinks at the concessions but need to arrive early so they do not enter the opera late. For parents staying and parking, there are a couple of parking garages within a short walking distance. Parking meters are available around the theater, but would need to be filled several times during the opera, so I would suggest the parking garage instead.

Please fill out the permission slip on the back and return to Mrs. Bush as soon as possible. Remember, the **deadline to turn in permission slips is Friday, April 20.** We’re excited about this experience for our students and thank you for your help.

Musically yours,

Judy Bush,

Wysong Elementary Music

**HD at the Met Permission Slip**

**(Deadline to return to me is Friday, April 20)**

I give permission for my student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

to attend the performance of the opera Cendrillon at the Ross Theater on the UNL Campus on Saturday, April 28, 2018. (Address is 313 N. 13th St.) (Opera begins promptly at 11:55 a.m. and will be finished by @2:50 p.m.)

**Please choose one of the following for your student:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will drive my student to the theater by 11:40 a.m. and pick them up @2:50 p.m. (These are live performances so times are not exact but usually close)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to drive in a carpool. I can take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ additional passengers. (If we need to carpool we will meet in the Wysong driveway in front of the school at 11:10 and leave shortly after)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for my child to ride in a carpool.

**Parent only:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I plan to stay for the opera and will buy a ticket to attend for $24.00.

Phone number(s) to contact parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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