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 streamed 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 second performance of the season is **Saturday, December 15 at 11:55 a.m**. and runs @3 hrs. 15 min. The opera is “La Traviata” by Verdi. See the synopsis below:

*An Opera in three acts by Guiseppe Verdi. Violetta, the “fallen woman” of the opera’s title, knows that the tuberculosis she suffers from will take her life. Whether amid the feverish gaiety of Parisian high society or the shadowy gloom of her deathbed, Violetta and her fate form the emotional core of Verdi’s opera. And her fate is shattering: As she spins out the last waning moments of her life, she gives herself so wholly to love* *that she is willing to sacrifice everything for it—even herself.*

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 this time will automatically be put on the next opera list or may purchase a ticket to see this opera with us for $17. **The** **deadline to turn in permission slips is Friday, December 7**. 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, Dec. 7.** 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, December 7 )**

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

to attend the performance of the opera La Traviata at the Ross Theater on the UNL Campus on Saturday, December 15, 2018. (Address is 313 N. 13th St.) (Opera begins promptly at 11:55 a.m. and will be finished by @3:15 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 @3:15 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. (Carpoolers meet in the Wysong driveway in front of the school at 10:15 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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