

FAQs for current members

Moodle: <https://rohyouthopera.moodlecloud.com/>

The Youth Opera Moodle site is now active. If you have not yet received any email from Moodle with a username and password, please double check your spam folders before emailing youthopera@roh.org.uk

Who do I contact if my child is running late or is sick and cannot attend at the last minute?

You can use the Availability Spreadsheet to give us advance notice of any pre planned absence. If your child cannot attend on the day, you must email us on youthopera@roh.org.uk to inform us that your child is sick or running late to a Youth Opera session.

In the email, please ensure you have included your child's name and an expected ETA if late. During session days, we may not be able to respond to emails, but we are reading them.

I need to inform you about a date my child cannot attend

Please fill in the Availability Spreadsheet via Moodle or Google Sheets. You must give a reason as to why your child cannot attend. Please note that your child's name will be on the corresponding group tab- look at the bottom of the spreadsheet and click Youth Opera Company or Young Voices depending on which group your child is in.

Can my child travel home alone?

Your child can only travel home alone with prior permission from a listed responsible adult. This permission must not be given via the child during the session, it must be in writing or in person from the adult to Youth Opera staff.

If your enquiry is regarding your child's current involvement in a children's chorus, you must contact natalie.barron@roh.org.uk

Are you interested in joining the Youth Opera? Here are the answers to some FAQs on the company:

Please visit our webpage for more information on our Youth Opera Programmes:

<https://www.roh.org.uk/learning/young-people/youth-opera-company>

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When do you audition?

Applications have now closed for the 2024/2025 season, the next auditions will take place in June 2025 and applications will open from March 2025.

What is the Youth Opera schedule?

Youth Opera meet every Saturday during term time at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Young Voices (Age 8-9) meet from 10-12, and the Youth Opera Company (ages 9-13) meet from 1-4pm. Weekly attendance is compulsory.

Is the programme free?

Yes! There is no audition fee and no membership fee.

You will need to travel to Covent Garden on a weekly basis and you will need to provide refreshments for your child but there are no other costs attached. If you would like to join but you feel it may be financially difficult for you to, please get in touch and we will do our best to find a solution together.

Do the children perform on stage with the Royal Opera Company?

It depends! The Youth Opera Company have the opportunity to audition for children's choruses on the mainstage with the Royal Opera Company. We run these auditions internally and if your child is successful and available for the entire rehearsal and performance period (this can be weeks long and during school hours and holidays), they will join the cast. You do not have to do this, and you can still have an enriching time with the YOC without performing on the mainstage.

Do the children only sing opera?

Definitely not! Children do not have the vocal capacity to sing operatically, and nor do we want them to. We want our members to sing in their own natural voices. We will teach them proper vocal technique, breathing and posture, so that when their voices mature as adults, they have an excellent foundation for singing opera should they wish to.

The Youth Opera Team