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Thurrock sings *Out Loud*

Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus joins professional singers at Covent Garden

The Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus joined professional and non-professional singers from around the country recently in a takeover of the Covent Garden Piazza in London as part of *Out Loud*, a day-long celebration of live, interactive performances staged by the Royal Opera House.

Throughout the day, *Out Loud* showcased the talents of singers, aged from 9-94 on a specially built open air stage. The Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus sang a mixed repertory including well known opera choruses and specifically commissioned repertoire including *The Purfleet Chorus*.

The stage was shared with the Royal Opera Chorus, the Royal Opera House Youth Opera Company, All Together Opera Company, Garsington Youth Opera Company and Glyndebourne Youth Opera, not to mention **Joseph Calleja**, internationally renowned tenor, and soloists from the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme.

Visitors to the Covent Garden Piazza had the opportunity to experience the magic of opera with an interactive 'Big Sing', where they performed alongside members of the Royal Opera Chorus joined by members of the Thurrock Community Chorus.

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Notes for Editors

Royal Opera House Learning and Participation in Thurrock

Royal Opera House Learning and Participation in Thurrock has been offering innovative and creative projects and programmes in schools, colleges and across communities in the Thames Gateway since 2006.

Since then, more than 60,000 people have participated in activities ranging from schools projects to teacher training, from work-based learning to fully-staged community operas. People in Thurrock have both been able to watch special performances at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and gain a very special insight into the behind-the-scenes process.

The Learning and Participation team runs the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus which currently has over 140 members of all ages and regularly performs across Thurrock and at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. For further information, please go to: www.roh.org.uk/learning/learning-in-thurrock/community-chorus. Details of future performances and taster session for the Community Chorus can be obtained by emailing getinvolved@roh.org.uk or calling 01708 891200.

Regular public tours of the state-of-the-art Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop where the sets and scenery for the Royal Opera House stage in Covent Garden are built, and the Bob and Tamar Manoukian Costume Centre, which opened in October 2015, are now available. Please go to www.roh.org.uk/visit/tours/thurrock-tours for further details. Inspiration Days offer a more in-depth look at the work of the Production Workshop. More information can be found at www.roh.org.uk/inspiration

In April 2012, the Royal Opera House agreed to become a [Bridge](#) organisation, working to connect children and young people to great art and culture across Essex, North Kent, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

The Learning and Participation team is based at the High House Production Park in Purfleet which is supported by a unique partnership including Arts Council England, Creative & Cultural Skills, the Royal Opera House and Thurrock Council:
www.hhpp.org.uk