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The Royal Opera House celebrates ten years in Thurrock

What part have you played in the story?

The Royal Opera House celebrates ten years of working with communities across Thurrock in 2017 and it's asking everyone to get involved.

The Royal Opera House Learning and Participation team is creating a special book of memories and reminiscences of the performances, projects and activities it has run over the last decade and it would love to include stories from as many people as possible.

Has being involved with ROH Thurrock inspired you or led you to do something you might otherwise not have done? Have you discovered a love for opera through a free Big Screen? Do you sing regularly now because of an event with us? Whatever your experience; a one-off event you particularly enjoyed, something you do regularly, a performance you participated in, the team would like to hear your story.

Send in your stories, memories and favourite moments in any way you like: a poem, a paragraph, a drawing, a song, the more creative the better. They can be named or anonymous and should be no more than 100 words in length.

Your contributions will be put into a memory book which will be on display during the tenth anniversary celebrations taking place at the High House Production Park in July. They will also be shared on social media.

If you have a memory to share, please email your stories to getinvolved@roh.org.uk by 3rd July, or deliver to: ROH Learning and Participation, The Vinery, High House Production Park, Vellacott Close, Purfleet RM19 1AF by Friday 23rd June either by post or in person.

The memory book will be displayed at the High House Production Park for everyone to enjoy from Wednesday 12 until Saturday 15 July. Everyone is welcome to visit the site to see the bunting and join in with the free BP Big Screen event on Friday 14 July at 7.30pm and the free Community Day on Saturday 15 July. For more information, please go to www.roh.org.uk/ROHthurrock10

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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.

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