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Treetops School Create and Dance

Students from Treetops School were visited by the Royal Opera House on Friday 20 April when dance artist Danielle Teale came to run a Create and Dance workshop. The workshops were for Years Three, Seven and Year Ten students. The theme of the workshops was Royal Ballet's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Year Three students at the school have already taken part in the Royal Opera House's Create and Dance: Nutcracker programme and were keen to do more. They looked at the magical animals found in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Year Seven studied the character of the Queen of Hearts and Year 10 explored chance choreography using a deck of playing cards.

Hayley Ryan, ROH Create and Dance Project Manager, said: *'We were delighted to visit Treetops School after hearing about the fantastic work they were doing using our Create and Dance: Nutcracker resources. We are really pleased to be working with them via the Trailblazer programme and hope that this continues as we launch our next scheme of work, exploring Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.'*

Create and Dance is the Royal Opera House's national online learning programme. It aims to give children a better understanding of ballet; developing new physical skills and unlocking their imagination and creativity.

The Create and Dance programme provides teacher training, classroom films, lesson plans and resources for teachers to open up the potential of dance in the classroom. Teachers do not need any previous dance knowledge in order to take part.

To find out more Create and Dance, please go to

<http://www.roh.org.uk/learning/learning-platform/ballet/>

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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