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Vancouver Opera and the Delta School District partner to create Metro Vancouver's first ever

OPERA AND PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

Academy joins the Delta School District's other innovative Academy programs

Vancouver, BC ~ Vancouver Opera and the Delta School District are pleased to announce a new partnership: the **Opera and Performance Academy**. Joining the Delta School District's roster of other Academies, this new program gives high school students who love to "Sing, Act and Create" the opportunity to work with professionals from Vancouver Opera and with educators specializing in music and theatre.

Registration opens February 1st, 2016 for the September 2016 program. The Opera and Performance Academy is located at Delta Secondary School and open to all grade 8 - 12 students in the Delta and other school districts. Students in the program will earn credits towards graduation.

For two blocks every second afternoon, students who love theatre and music will be able to pursue their passions by studying voice, acting, script and score writing and attending master classes with professionals. Students in the Academy will also attend Vancouver Opera dress rehearsals, go backstage, have opportunities to participate in apprenticeship programs and participate in the Vancouver Opera Festival 2017.

More information and registration is available at deltaacademies.ca.

About Delta Academies

The Delta School District's Academy Programs strive to engage learners through stimulating, relevant and inspiring educational experiences. Each of the unique academies creates an environment where our students feel great pride and, in turn, great success. Passionate teachers and outstanding professional coaches and instructors work hard at building positive, trusting, and encouraging relationships with learners. Academy programs are an example of Delta's commitment to offering choice programs that enable learners to engage in their passion during the school day.

About Vancouver Opera's Education Programs

Vancouver Opera is regarded worldwide for its fine mainstage productions; for its country-leading education programs, which have reached more than 1.6 million children and their families in more than 40 years; for its innovative and award-winning community programs; and for forging groundbreaking cross-cultural creative partnerships that have brought opera to new generations of Canadians. VO offers educational programming in the community and for students of all ages.

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