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Dear Parents,

### WotOpera

I am writing to tell you about an innovative and educational arts programme that will be coming to Fahan next term. The programme "WotOpera" is a series of four day long workshops that will run at Fahan over 4 consecutive weeks culminating in a public performance at the **Theatre Royal on Monday evening 16 September.**

WotOpera unlocks young people's creativity, by using the metaphor of opera, the most multidisciplinary art form. Working in groups of 20 the girls are responsible for every component of the piece and each one will find an aspect that they can identify with. During this process, the girls write the libretto (script), devise the characters and plot, create the music, paint and design the set, and perform a one-act opera. Their participation is guided by WotOpera's artistic director, Murray Dahm, and his team of professional musicians and performers.

With this letter I have included some additional information with regard to exact dates and times. The programme will cost each student \$50.00 and is to cover dinner and refreshments at the Theatre Royal on the evening of their performance. As the entire process is filmed and photographed your consent is also required. A video named 'Our Journey' is produced and shown on the night along with each school's presentation.

As places are strictly limited to 20 students please sign and return the **media consent form, with the consent form below and payment to the Front Office.** Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

In conclusion, may I add that this is a wonderful opportunity for our girls. Not only does it provide a platform for this age group to express their ideas, it also aids social development, confidence and learning outcomes, and has the potential to open up future pathways.

Yours in music,

Annie Tremayne  
Director of Performing Arts

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**WotOpera**

I give permission for my daughter ..... to  
attend the WotOpera programme and enclose \$50.00.

Signed ..... Date.....  
Parent/Guardian

## **WOTOPERA SCHEDULE**

### ***Thursday 22 August. (Day 1)***

Introduction to the concepts of opera and the project. Devising of plot, character and then libretto. Full group and smaller group work.

Aim: completion of libretto that will be typed and emailed for dissemination to students.

### ***Thursday 29 August (Day 2)***

Composition of music through the libretto, looking at words, emotions and situations.

Full group and smaller group work.

Aim: completion of most (if not all music). Music files on MP3 given to students.

### ***Thursday 5 September (Day 3)***

Casting of opera – decisions made by the student group. Principal cast to learn role with music director, chorus to design and paint set. All material provided by WotOpera. Chorus learn music and choreography if time. Clear versions of every scene provided to all students in the cast.

### ***Thursday 12 September (Day 4)***

Rehearsal of show, chorus scenes, choreography and anything else to be incorporated. After lunch a dress rehearsal is attended by a supportive audience.

### ***Monday 16 September***

Combined Performance day – All schools to arrive at Theatre Royal at 12.30 pm – all schools receive one hour on stage rehearsal, one hour musical rehearsal, one hour drama rehearsal, and one hour watching another school. Students have dinner and performance order is announced. Performance begins at 7.00pm.

**MEDIA CONSENT FORM  
BETWEEN ARTOLOGY LIMITED AND PARENT/GUARDIAN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of child)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(school)

Thank you for allowing your child to take part in WotOpera's media coverage. WotOpera is a young people's creative program by Artology Limited ('Artology').

You are the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the child named above.

You authorise your child to be photographed, filmed, videoed, recorded or interviewed for purposes relevant to WotOpera.

You agree to Artology, or its agents and subcontractors, collecting, storing, using and disclosing your child's name and image or any publication featuring your child (including photographs, video recordings, filming, sound recordings and interviews) for the purposes of promoting or reporting on WotOpera. You acknowledge that such use may occur in Artology/WotOpera magazines, brochures, leaflets, WotOpera performance programs and videos, podcasts, websites and other electronic media including Youtube and Facebook.

You acknowledge and agree that neither you nor your child is entitled to any payments, royalties or commissions in connection with WotOpera or the matters contained in this media consent deed.

You release Artology and its stakeholders, officers, employees, contractors and agents from any liability whatsoever relating to your child's name and image being collected, stored, used or disclosed in accordance with this media consent form.

Signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the child:

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Parent/guardian's signature

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Parent/guardian's signature

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(Date)