

Create & Produce Inaugural Program

Create & Produce is an education and outreach project of the Baltimore Opera Company that received pilot funding this year. The Baltimore Opera Company selected Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School (PS 122) in Baltimore City for the trial run of this project, and I have had the good fortune to work with a wonderful group of third- and fourth-graders.

During the past eight weeks, in just over two hours per week, we have together accomplished some great things:

- (1) We've learned all about what opera is and its history;
- (2) We've written an original play, called a "libretto";
- (3) We've written almost 30 minutes of original opera music;
- (4) And we're performing our opera for you today!

While we've been learning about opera, we've also learned a lot about history, geography, mathematics, anatomy (singing posture), public speaking, diction (how to speak clearly), acting and stage gesture, stage production, the technique of singing correctly, folksong repertoire, and much, much more.

I am sure you will be astonished with the musical talent and energy of our performers, and I know that you will be amazed at the wonderful story and music that they wrote with very little help from me. If you like the songs, don't congratulate me – wish the students on stage "Bravo" for their job well done!

Thanks so much for coming and supporting our world premiere!

- Mr. Nadel

The Story of Hollywood: Cast

(in order of singing)

Narrator 1.....	Markel Steele
Shatira, a songwriter.....	Tatyana JaFari Sterling* Morgan Breiyàn Vessels**
Nireasha, an opera singer.....	Jermira Fitchett* Leatha Corena Chase Jackson**
Jerome, a baseball player.....	Donta Hughes
Michael, a football player.....	Darius Perry
Frank Masters, a fashion designer.....	Imani Jazzmine Adren James
Mademoiselle, an actress.....	Delkeya Michelle Dingle
Police Chief.....	Latasha L. Holmes
Narrator 2.....	Chinye Cahshaye Thompson
Police Officers/Tourists: Tonea Y. Smith (choirmaster), Korin Michelle Ford, Janelle Aliyah Griffin, Niya Emma Stewart, Markel Steele	
News Crews/Tourists: Destanie J. Jackson, Shanila J. Quaqua, Chinye Cahshaye Thompson, Morgan Breiyàn Vessels*, Tatyana JaFari Sterling**, Leatha Corena Chase Jackson*, Jermira Fitchett**	

**Morning performance **Evening performance*

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And most of all:

The wonderful 3rd and 4th grade students of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School, for their energy, enthusiasm, love of music and learning, and their willingness to sing!

The Baltimore Opera Company's

Educational Pilot Program

Create and Produce

Introducing

An Original Opera

The Story of

HOLLYWOOD

Written and composed by

The Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School (PS 122)

3rd and 4th Graders

Russell Nadel, Artist-in-Residence
Yozmin Draper, Cooperating Teacher

Wednesday, May 24 - 10:00am & 6:00pm*

**Refreshments will be provided after evening performance*

At The Samuel Coleridge-Taylor ES
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