



*Developing Potential without Limitations*

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Dear Parent/guardian,

I am writing regarding an exciting performance opportunity in the coming year. Following the *Creation* project in the summer term, our school has now been approached by Garsington Opera about inviting some of our pupils to participate in the world premiere of *Silver Birch*, a newly-commissioned People's Opera by composer Roxanna Panufnik and librettist Jessica Duchén.

Garsington Opera will be visiting our school towards the end of the autumn term to hold a fun audition workshop with pupils who would like to have the opportunity to take part in this new operatic adventure. They have asked us to invite up to 30 children that we think would benefit most from the experience and who would be committed, enthusiastic and excited by the opportunity.

Following the workshop, Garsington Opera, in consultation with the teachers, will then select up to 10 pupils to be part of the performance, with rehearsals starting in Lane End, High Wycombe in April on Tuesdays after school. These pupils will be joining a Primary Company of up to 50 children auditioned from local schools.

The performances will take place on 28, 29 and 30 July 2017 (the first week of the school holidays) as part of the company's main season at the Wormsley Estate near Stokenchurch, uniting six professional soloists with 170 members of the local community. To find out more about *Silver Birch* and the incredible venue where it will be performed visit [www.garsingtonopera.org](http://www.garsingtonopera.org).

Taking part will be a huge commitment, but we know that it will be an unforgettable experience for all involved. The school will also be supporting the children in their learning along the way. There are opportunities for adults and teenagers to join in too - so why not ask the whole family and help us to spread the word?!

If your child would like to be part of the audition and is **free for all the dates listed** on the schedule overleaf, please complete the enclosed application form in full and return to the school by **Friday 4 November**.

We look forward to receiving your form.

Kind regards, ^

Mrs Jo Reid  
Headteacher

Please attach a recent passport size photo – this will be returned if you do not take part in the production



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## Application for Primary School Company in *Silver Birch*

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Pupil's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 1 April 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to take part and what do you think you'll gain from the experience?

Please confirm that you and your parents/guardians have read the information provided and understand the recruitment process and commitment: ☐ tick to confirm

Photos and videos will be taken during recruitment and rehearsal sessions by Garsington Opera staff for company use, including social media.  
**By taking part you consent to appearing in any footage.**

Pupil signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your form to your teacher by Friday 4 November 2016**

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