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Center Stage Opera

CENTER STAGE OPERA &
Jack's Angels Foundation

PRESENT:

Children's Choir (K-8)



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To the Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District and Charter Schools:

We are extremely fortunate to have in our midst a high quality community opera company, whose mission is to:
"...inspire and enrich the culture of Southern California and to showcase professional and emerging artists by bringing exhilarating operatic productions and passionate concert performances of high artistic standards, as well as creative educational and outreach programs to diverse audiences of all ages at affordable prices."

Based in the San Fernando Valley, Center Stage Opera is planning more performances and involvement in the Santa Clarita community. Jack's Angels would like to involve our community in this opportunity of great music with professional performing artists. A children's choir that is well-versed in musicianship skills, exposed to classical, contemporary, and multi-cultural repertoire, and that has the opportunity to perform with professional artists, is rare for children in our society today. Such training also facilitates the study of any musical instrument. I personally was very fortunate to have this experience as a child with Tri-Cities Opera in Binghamton, NY; becoming aware of Center Stage Opera has awakened my hopes of encouraging such an opportunity for our local children.

We would like to create this choir opportunity for children here in the Acton-Agua Dulce District, and have tailored it to be like an after-school enrichment type of program. We do not foresee large numbers of interested parties from Santa Clarita or the Antelope Valley, but we would like to allow this option to be open to the public, including the home-schooling community. Mainly we would like to make this opportunity available to our Acton-Agua Dulce community.

In raising awareness for the urgent need for pediatric brain tumor research, Jack's Angels Foundation's involvement follows its commitment to promote the arts for children in our local community. This collaboration with Center Stage Opera is an opportunity to create a unique and rich musical experience for our children, and greater exposure to the performing arts; CSO's production of Carmen next spring will include the children's choir in its rehearsals and performances, a Winter and a Spring performance with the Art for Jack Music and Art Festival in May. After some discussion, the Acton-Agua Dulce Arts Council may help sponsor trips to the opera for our children and families this year.

Thank you for your kind attention; we hope to create something special together for the children of this community, enriching all of our lives with a unique musical experience.

Sincerely yours,
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