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El Camino College and LA Opera to Present “The Prospector” *FREE Interactive Performance for South Bay Elementary School Students*

South Bay students will enjoy a rousing tale of Gold Rush pioneers at a special Los Angeles Opera performance at El Camino College.

The El Camino College Center for the Arts, in partnership with LA Opera, will present “The Prospector,” at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 1 in Marsee Auditorium. Creative hands-on workshops for children before each performance add to the excitement and prepare the audience with art and music-making activities.

The free, interactive 50-minute program is based on Puccini’s “The Girl of the Golden West” and is set in a mining camp during the 1850s where a prospector charms a group of coyotes with a story of cowboys and miners competing for the love of a strong and beautiful woman.

The action-packed LA Opera adaptation complements California history curriculum and is geared toward fourth- and fifth-grade students. Age-appropriate subject matter and themes for elementary school students include: the importance of family, the California Gold Rush, multicultural understanding, forgiveness, and the power of storytelling.

This creative youth outreach event is part of an LA Opera program designed to teach the basics of opera, music and performance in a format children understand. Students also learn the origins of opera, opera terminology and opera etiquette.

To make arrangements for classroom visits to this **free** event at El Camino College, contact El Camino College’s Office of Outreach and School Relations at 310-660-3487 or oasr@elcamino.edu. For more information, view: http://www.elcamino.edu/centerforthearts/images/community/Prospector_020116.pdf.

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