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## **El Camino College and LA Opera to Present “Figaro’s American Adventure” *FREE Interactive Performance for South Bay Elementary School Students***

South Bay elementary school students will enjoy a rousing tale set in colonial America 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 “Figaro’s American Adventure” 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 Rossini’s opera “The Barber of Seville” and transports students to the American Revolution. Figaro, with his band of sneaky barbers and colonial compatriots, leads the audience on a delightful musical goose chase in their efforts to help General Washington to victory. Familiar melodies from “The Barber of Seville” are updated with playful lyrics, reminding students to “Never Give Up” when the cause is an important one.

The action-packed LA Opera adaptation provides a direct link to American history content standards and is geared toward fourth- and fifth-grade students. Age-appropriate subject matter and themes for elementary school students include: the importance of perseverance, the American Revolution, freedom, 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 ECC’s Center for the Arts at 310-329-5345 or email [ArtsTickets@elcamino.edu](mailto:ArtsTickets@elcamino.edu). For more information, view: <http://www.elcamino.edu/centerforthearts/performances/laopera.asp>.

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