

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA



ONLINE weekly music workshops for children with SEND led by Bradley Travis

We warmly invite families with a child/ children with disabilities and their siblings to join English Touring Opera for weekly live online music workshops at **11am on Wednesdays**.

The whole family is invited to get involved in creative play exploring rhythm, sound and song. Children with ASD and PMLD are welcome.

These inclusive workshops are led by our Associate Artist in Learning & Participation, **Bradley Travis**, who has extensive experience creating and leading workshops for children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities).

English Touring Opera understand the importance of education and broad experiences for every child, and we want to reach out to people in their homes at this challenging time to make music and have fun!

If you'd like more information, or just want a chat please contact Bradley on bradley.travis@englishtouringopera.org.uk

To watch - links to past and future workshops are on the **website page**: <http://englishtouringopera.org.uk/productions/online-workshops-for-children-with-send>

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Parent's feedback:

"He really loved all of it. It was great that there were ways of joining in that did not just involve singing. He was really keen to join in with the singing"

"The session went really well; it was easy to follow, and the concept was well planned and carried out."

"it was noticeable how he responded particularly well to the voice of the presentation at the start, and continued to be excited and engaged"

"The length was perfect...The pace of the session was spot on too, not too fast and not too slow."

What does the workshop include?

Here is a rough plan of what might happen in the sessions so you know what to expect and there are a few things you might want to make sure you have before you start:

- It's great if you are seated (but being comfortable is the most important thing!)
- If you have a favourite soft thing, do have it to hand (a cushion, blanket or soft toy will work well)
- Bradley will use some simple Makaton signing
- We will be gently moving hands and arms
- We will gently use our voices
- We will be doing some singing
- We will learn about beats and rhythm (clapping or tapping on our knees)
- We will count beats
- We will count up to 8
- We will look at colourful numbers
- We will name some colours
- We will make animal noises
- We will meet Bradley's parrot friend "Squawky" (a puppet)
- We will have a relaxing warm down

This might seem quite busy but Bradley will be taking it slowly so you will have time to enjoy the activities. He will be using simple **Makaton** in the workshops.

The session should be no longer than **20 minutes**.

The links to past workshops will be available on the website to view again (and again if you like!) at a time that works for you.

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