



Canadian Children's Opera Company

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CANADIAN CHILDREN'S OPERA COMPANY BRINGS HISTORY TO LIFE AT TORONTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, the **Canadian Children's Opera Company** is excited to be bringing members of the cast and creative team of their upcoming production ***Laura's Cow: The Legend of Laura Secord***, to Toronto's **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Elementary School** to prepare the Kindergarten through Grade Eight students for their trip to the opera.

As well as introducing the students to the magic of opera through music, drama and dance, the CCOC's Executive Artistic Director and award-winning educator **Ann Cooper Gay**, the opera's composer **Dr. Errol Gay**, and several young singers from the CCOC's various divisions will be on hand to answer students' questions about the production, the art form, and to share the experience participating in Canada's only permanent children's opera company.

Laura's Cow: The Legend of Laura Secord was commissioned to commemorate the 200th anniversary of her courageous 32 km walk in June of 1813, and explores both the history and the myth of one of Canada's best-known heroines. To help students explore where history ends and the legend begins, the CCOC is very excited to be joined at Blessed Sacrament by **Caroline McCormick**, Laura Secord's great-great-great-granddaughter, and president of **Friends of Laura Secord**; a not-for-profit community group dedicated to ensuring the continued legacy of this important piece of our history. A representative from **O'Connor House** (named after Senator Frank O'Connor, founder of the Laura Secord Candy Company) will also be on hand, to provide a living link to our history.

The students at Blessed Sacrament will be attending two of the sold-out school preview performances of ***Laura's Cow: The Legend of Laura Secord*** at Toronto's **Enwave Theatre, May 2 and 3**. Performances for the general public run **May 3-5**. Tickets are available through the **Harbourfront Box Office** (416-973-4000).

A limited number of media passes to the event at Blessed Sacrament CES are available. Due to security reasons at the school, the CCOC requests that names of visiting media be submitted no later than Friday, April 19th, at 5pm.

Blessed Sacrament School is located at 24 Bedford Park Avenue, Toronto.

For interviews, more information or media accreditation please contact Sophia Perlman, Outreach Coordinator, Canadian Children's Opera Company sophia@canadianchildrensopera.com
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