

THIS MONTH'S FEATURE

Rehearsal Week: 15 Teaching Artists Get School-Ready

Before *Rusalka: A Mermaid's Tale* hit the road, our teaching artists spent a week learning the show's blocking and practicing how to lead 'kid prep' - the essential hour spent with the student choristers before every show. Artists learn to balance their performance routines with being encouraging mentors to their young onstage colleagues, an OFTY operastar skill.



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Vincent Fuh

TEACHING ARTIST / RESIDENT PIANIST · MADISON, WI

30 seasons

"It's been a privilege to be a part of OFTY's mission for most of my professional life. It's the closest to a calling I've ever known."

Vince began working with Opera for the Young in 1997. His patient, zen-like teaching style and long tenure combine to make his one of the most recognizeable faces of OFTY on the road.

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WHERE ARE WE THIS MONTH?

On tour with *Rusalka: A Mermaid's Tale*

WEEK OF...

OCT 12	Dane, McHenry, Winnebago, Jo Daviess (IL), Boone (IL)
OCT 19	DuPage County (IL)
OCT 26	La Crosse, Hennepin (MN), Dakota (MN), Sauk
NOV 2	Dane, Grant, Iowa, Outagamie, Shawano
NOV 9	Sauk, Dane, Cook (IL), Milwaukee

VISIT US ON THE ROAD

See a tour week in your county?
Contact info@ofty.org to attend a school performance!

FEEDBACK FROM THE ROAD

"The students loved the opera, it was delightful! Keep making great productions."

DEE DEE CALOW, PRINCIPAL
WARREN ELEMENTARY (WI)

[Fav part of the opera?] "The Sea Urchins and the on stage choir!"

ARYA, GRADE 4
OAK SCHOOL (IL)

"When I was a kid, if I'd gotten to participate in something like this, I never would have forgotten it."

LYDIA BANGURA, RUSALKA
2026-2027 TOURING CAST



REHEARSING THE BALL SCENE

Leah Rockweit, Jared Cohen, and Alex Burch in costume while their castmates play "the kids"

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