### NORFOLK SCHOOLS PROJECT ~ FREE TEACHERS' MUSIC WORKSHOP

#### Dear Teacher,

As you start your Spring term and the beginning of the school year, I would like to draw your attention to January 2008 when I hope you will be interested in taking part in our Free Teachers' Music-Skills Workshop. If you cannot attend but you know of another teacher who may be interested in attending please pass this letter and booking form on to them.

In January, February and March 2008, Norwich Theatre Royal will be working with 3 Schools in Norfolk to produce a show based on themes from Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. As part of this project we will be running a free Teacher's workshop after school on **Thursday 24**<sup>th</sup> **January 2008**. The workshop marks the starting point of our *Midsummer Night's Dream* project and is designed to help teachers who may be interested in developing their music-skills, using opera in the classroom or finding out more about Norwich Theatre Royal's work with local schools.

The music-skills workshop will provide you with practical and written material, which can be taken back to school and taught in the classroom. It is designed especially for non-music specialists, and all the work is linked to music in the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2 in relation to Performing, Composing, Listening and Appraising. Whether you are a music specialist or have no experience in these fields, you will find this workshop is perfect for stimulating new ideas for classroom work, not just for music but also for cross-curricular work.

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This what some of our previous participants said:

- Excellent in terms of leading a group to feel confident. I'm a strong advocate of learning from 'true experts'. Very high quality.
- The workshop leaders were clearly talented but were able to make their skills accessible and adjust the level of delivery as needed.
- Very interesting to learn about singing style the way music tells moods/stories.
   All this and more was delivered in a meaningful context.
- The workshop was well communicated and the leaders displayed a high level of artistic skill, which was used to good effect when giving examples to the group of what we were to achieve/attempt.
- \* Thank you. Interesting to be put in the same position we so often put children and come out of it feeling confident and positive.
- The taster learning experiences worked well respectively for large and small groups, e.g. opportunities for group dynamics to develop, pairs/threes to discuss, organize and perform. Large group was fun, confidence building and gave a sense of overall picture.
- There was plenty of variety and enthusiasm through out the workshop and support was always there.

The workshop will take place on

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008 from 4.00pm – 6.00pm at East Harling Primary School, Gallants Lane, East Harling, Norfolk, NR16 2NQ

All teachers are very welcome but numbers are limited; please return the attached booking form to reserve your place, or telephone our Education Department for more information. By participating in the workshop you can also state your interest in having a future Norfolk Schools Project in your school.

Best wishes,

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#### **BOOKING FORM**

Please reserve me a place on the Norfolk Schools Project Teachers' workshop on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

No. of places required			
Name(s):			
School:			
Address:			
Year(s) Taught			
		Fax to 01603 598501 or post your reply to: (no stamp required)	Norwich Theatre Royal Education Department FREEPOST ANG4107
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