

Applications are open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes.

We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September. Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May.**

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.



Young Voices (Ages 8-9)

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.

Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

Schedule and location

Sessions take place on **Saturdays during term time** at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, with additional and extended sessions around performance opportunities.

Young Voices: 10:00–12:00 (September–Easter)

Youth Opera Company: 13:00–16:00

Current members say:

“It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Before I joined YOC, I was a bit hesitant about opera, but I now really enjoy it!”

— **2025 Youth Opera Company member**

“YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in The Magic Flute and in Hansel and Gretel.”

— **2026 Youth Opera Company member**

Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May. If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at youthopera@roh.org.uk.
