



# **O** NASHVILLE **PERA**

**EDUCATION TOUR  
REPORT 2024**



NASHVILLE  
**OPERA**  
ON TOUR



## THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

**24,765 CHILDREN REACHED  
AT NO COST TO SCHOOLS IN 2024!**

Since 1995, Nashville Opera has taken programs directly into Middle Tennessee schools, introducing young audiences to the magic of opera and filling a gap in arts education. Nearly 700,000 children and family members have experienced the arts through this program – many for the first time.

The Three Little Pigs puts a new twist on an old favorite by setting the classic tale to Mozart’s most famous melodies. This 40-minute interactive production, sung in English, teaches the value of teamwork and literacy, with a spotlight on the library. It features full sets, costumes, and four professional opera singers (plus a pianist!) from Nashville Opera’s Mary Ragland Emerging Artist Program. **BONUS:** Teachers can request a post-performance Q&A with the artists for their students.

This program aligns with the Tennessee Curriculum Standards for Music, Theatre, Dance, Visual Arts, Reading, Writing, History, Social Studies, Math, and Sciences.

Teachers receive a study guide and an accessibility toolkit to help them prepare ALL students for the experience – including differentiated learners.

Thanks to generous support from sponsors, the program is FREE for schools and community centers.

101 coveted tour spots were claimed in four hours, with 54 schools in-person, 12 schools virtual, 21 schools with a STEAM Expedition performance for more than 1,200 children, and 14 community venues. For older students, Nashville Opera presented OPERA OUT LOUD – a program of well-known arias and opera duets that gave 2,000 middle-schoolers, high-schoolers, college students, and seniors a rare chance to experience the power of the unamplified human voice at close range.

Even as arts education is severely underfunded in Tennessee, we’ve made the Education Tour a centerpiece of Nashville Opera’s mission: To bravely imagine the power and passion of opera and who can sing and enjoy it!

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.nashvilleopera.org/performances/education-tour>

COVER: The 2024 Mary Ragland Emerging Artists - Sabreena Cherrington, Andrew Payne, Jordan Costa, and Maria De Conzo. Photo: Anthony Popolo for Nashville Opera, 2024

# DID WE COME TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU?

## PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN 2023

Alex Green Elementary  
 Alex Green Elementary ^  
 Algood Elementary  
 Amqui Elementary ^  
 Austin Peay State University \*\*  
 Avery Trace Middle School \*\*  
 Barksdale Elementary  
 Beech Elementary  
 Belmont University Opera \*\*  
 Bethpage Elementary  
 Carter-Lawrence Elementary ^  
 Castle Heights Elementary  
 Chadwell Elementary ^  
 Charlotte Elementary  
 Churchwell Elementary ^  
 CMCSS K-12 Virtual School  
 Cockrill Elementary  
 Cockrill Elementary ^  
 Cumberland Elementary ^  
 David Youree Elementary  
 Dodson Elementary ^  
 DuPont Elementary ^  
 Eagle View Elementary ^  
 East Side Elementary  
 Ensworth School  
 Franklin Elementary \*  
 Gainesboro Elementary  
 Gateway Elementary  
 Gateway Elementary ^  
 Glenduff Elementary ^  
 Granbery Elementary \*  
 Greenbrier Elementary  
 Hattie Cotton Elementary ^  
 Hattie Cotton STEM Magnet Elementary \*  
 Haynes Middle School \*\*  
 Haywood Elementary  
 Henry C. Maxwell Elementary  
 Hermitage Elementary ^  
 Hickman Elementary  
 Ida B. Wells Elementary ^  
 Inglewood Elementary ^  
 Jere Baxter Middle School \*\*  
 Kenwood Elementary  
 Kenwood Middle School \*\*  
 Lakeside Park Elementary  
 Lakeview Elementary  
 Lewis County Elementary \*  
 Linden Waldorf School  
 McFadden School of Excellence  
 McGavock Elementary  
 Merrol Hyde Magnet School  
 Moore Elementary \*  
 Moore Magnet STEM Elementary \*  
 Murrell School

Napier Elementary \*  
 Nashville School of the Arts \*\*  
 New Hope Academy  
 New Union Elementary  
 North Coffee Elementary  
 North Stewart Elementary  
 Northeast Elementary  
 Northfield Elementary  
 Oakland Elementary  
 Oliver Middle School \*\*  
 Park Avenue Elementary  
 Park View Elementary \*  
 Pegram Elementary Fine Arts Magnet \*  
 Pennington Elementary ^  
 Pleasant View Christian School  
 Rock Creek Elementary  
 Rosebank Elementary ^  
 Saint Joseph School  
 Sewanee: The University of the South \*\*  
 Smithson Craighead Academy \*  
 Southside Elementary  
 St Edward School  
 St. Bernard Academy  
 Stratton Elementary  
 The Covenant School  
 The Discovery School at Bellwood  
 Thurman Francis Arts Academy  
 Tom Joy Elementary ^  
 Vena Stuart Elementary \*  
 Warner Elementary ^  
 Westmoreland Elementary School  
 White Bluff Elementary  
 Whitsitt Elementary ^

## COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES

Adventure Science Center  
 Bordeaux Branch - Nashville Public Library  
 Brentwood Library  
 Cottage Cove Urban Ministries  
 Edgehill Library  
 Girl Scouts of Middle TN  
 Hendersonville Public Library  
 Independent Living at Blakeford \*\*  
 North Branch - Nashville Public Library  
 Parthenon \*\*  
 Preview Performance  
 Pruitt Branch - Nashville Public Library  
 The Discovery Center  
 TN State Museum

\* Virtual  
 ^ STEAM Expedition  
 \*\* Opera Out Loud

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED BY NASHVILLE OPERA'S EDUCATION TOUR

BEDFORD COUNTY.....	375
CHEATHAM COUNTY.....	390
COFFEE COUNTY.....	670
DAVIDSON COUNTY.....	9186
DICKSON COUNTY.....	1100
FRANKLIN COUNTY.....	500
JACKSON COUNTY.....	400
LEWIS COUNTY.....	150
MONTGOMERY COUNTY.....	2440
PUTNAM COUNTY.....	1570
ROBERTSON COUNTY.....	250
RUTHERFORD COUNTY.....	2295
STEWART COUNTY.....	420
SUMNER COUNTY.....	2310
WILLIAMSON COUNTY.....	1745
WILSON COUNTY.....	964

## UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

NON-WHITE STUDENTS.....	48%
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED.....	33%
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.....	15%
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.....	15%
UNHOUSED.....	4%
FOSTER CARE.....	4%
PARENTS IN ACTIVE DUTY.....	4%
TITLE 1 SCHOOLS.....	76%



# OUR EVIDENCE-BASED TOOLKIT HELPS KIDS!

## MAJOR IMPACTS

- Builds excitement
- Promotes understanding
- Clarifies expectations
- Established predictability
- Decreases anxiety, worry, and fear

## ENCOURAGING RESULTS

- 100% participating teachers recommend others use this toolkit with children/students with learning disabilities or other needs.
- 92% agreed the kit creates a more positive, engaging student experience.
- 87% agreed the kit makes them more likely to bring students with special needs to a performance.

# THANK YOU!

