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Explore & Play Family Day Open House with Pacific Opera Victoria and the Victoria Symphony at the Royal Theatre

Victoria, BC – This BC Family Day, Monday, February 17, Pacific Opera Victoria and the Victoria Symphony invite families to celebrate with a free open house filled with creativity, music, and behind-the-scenes exploration. The event takes place from 12:00noon to 3:00pm at Victoria’s Royal Theatre, as Pacific Opera and the Victoria Symphony prepare for the opening of Rachel Portman’s *The Little Prince*.

“I am so excited to have this wonderful opportunity to welcome opera lovers both young and young at heart to this event. It is a chance to see the theatre and the whole production from a different point of view: from the stage of the Royal to the backstage labyrinth,” said Brenna Corner, Artistic Director, Pacific Opera. “Through music, arts and crafts, and other events it is chance for families to experience a Pacific Opera Victoria production in a visceral and tactile way.”

Visitors will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of opera and symphony with hands-on activity stations in the Royal Theatre lobby, featuring sets, costumes, and props from beloved productions like *The Cunning Little Vixen*, *The Garden of Alice*, *The Birds*, and *The Little Prince*. Activities includes decorating a crown with Kaleidoscope Theatre, fashioning a fox headband or your own special rose, interacting with giant bird puppets, and trying out a musical instrument at Victoria Symphony’s Instrument Petting Zoo.

“We are thrilled to be co-hosting this event with Pacific Opera Victoria as we, quite literally, open the doors on our organizations’ longstanding and important partnership,” Said Matthew White, CEO, Victoria Symphony. “A great benefit to Victoria audiences is that they not only get to go enjoy the incredible productions Pacific Opera Victoria puts on year after year, but they also get to experience them with the talented musicians of the Victoria Symphony. It’s a rare gem to witness such excellence both on the stage and in the pit, so we look forward to welcoming all those who are curious to learn more.”

Welcome remarks from Pacific Opera Artistic Director, Brenna Corner will take place in the lobby at 12:15pm, pop-up performances will delight audiences at 12:30pm, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm. Corner will lead engaging backstage tours at 1pm and 2pm, giving visitors the chance to explore the theatre’s inner workings and gain unique insights into the current set of *The Little Prince*.

Guests are welcome to come and go as they please during the afternoon. The Open House is free to attend, but RSVPs are encouraged to ensure a smooth and enjoyable day for everyone. For more information and to RSVP please visit: [Family Day Open House](#)

Tickets for single performances to the Pacific Opera Royal Theatre shows, including *The Little Prince*, start at \$35, with limited \$15 tickets available for youth under 18. To keep Pacific Opera accessible, Community Preview tickets are available to students and community organizations for \$15. For more information about the 2024/25 season including tickets, visit: [Pacific Opera 2024 2025 season](#) . For more information about Victoria Symphony’s 2024/25 Season including tickets, visit [victoriasymphony.ca](#) .

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