

# Pittsburgh Opera High School Apprentices Program



**Back row:** Elizabeth Bailey, Marissa Zane, Ernesta Pollard, Brady DelVecchio, DJ Robinson  
**Front row:** Christianna Barnard, Reid Taylor, Alexis Deacon

Pittsburgh Opera offers a unique program each fall for up to ten high school students in grades 10-12 who may be considering a career in the performing arts or are interested in learning more about opera from behind the scenes. During four half-day sessions, apprentices learn about all Pittsburgh Opera departments, observe coaching sessions, and explore an academic project. In addition, students may choose to attend rehearsals and other events. Select students may be invited to participate again in the spring.

Application forms include an apprentice information form, a parental release form, a school administrator absence release form, and a contract for the student to complete. There is an enrollment fee of \$50 per student.

## **What High School Apprentices say:**

- "I really benefited from the information the Resident Artists shared with us about college, auditions, and making a living in the opera world."
- "The HS Apprenticeship was inspirational, thought-provoking, educational, and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I love opera as a hobby, but don't plan to go into it. The apprenticeship confirmed that this is a good choice for me."

For more information or to request an application packet, contact  
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