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**A PERFECT SPRING BREAK OUTING FOR THE FAMILY:
CHILDREN'S OPERA THEATRE PERFORMS *BILLY GOATS
GRUFF* AND *LITTLE RED'S MOST UNUSUAL DAY***

Affordable \$5 Tickets—Bring the Whole Family!
Performances Scheduled for Monday and Friday, March 14 and 18

FORT WORTH, TX – Fort Worth Opera is giving families a perfect “field trip” this Spring Break that promises to be both fun and educational. Two productions by Children's Opera Theatre (a program of Fort Worth Opera) offer a great way to **expose children to the arts** with the hilarious adaptations of *The Billy Goats Gruff* and *Little Red's Most Unusual Day*.

Plus, Children's Opera Theatre will be helping the community by joining forces with the Tarrant Area Food Bank, with its “Stand Up to Hunger” program. When patrons attend *Billy Goats Gruff* on Monday and **donate one nonperishable food item**, they will receive one free ticket to the Friday performances of *Little Red's Most Unusual Day* later in the week. All food donations will go to the Tarrant Area Food Bank to help fight hunger in 13 counties in North Texas. Tickets are limited to one per person, subject to availability.

The Billy Goats Gruff tells the classic tale of three little goats who simply want to cross a bridge, but John Davies' adaptation has expanded it for young students. Using humor, the opera teaches children to stand up to bullies and to treat each other with respect. The story is told in English and is set to opera music by Mozart, Donizetti and Rossini. ***The Billy Goats Gruff* will be performed on Monday, March 14, at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Scott Theatre,** located in the Fort Worth Community Arts Center at 1300 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76107.

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In *Little Red's Most Unusual Day*, Forest Ranger Dudley is too shy to ask Little Red's mother to the Forest Ranger Ball. He leaves a written invitation outside Little Red's house but it is accidentally delivered to Granny. In the resulting confusion, Dudley loses his pants, Granny kisses the Wolf, Mom gets impatient, and Little Red learns to obey rules. ***Little Red's Most Unusual Day* will be performed on Friday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at The Rose Marine Theatre** located at 1440 N. Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76164.

Each opera is approximately **45 minutes long** and will be followed by a Q & A session with the cast. **Tickets are \$5** and can be purchased online at www.fwopera.org or by calling 817.731.0726.

About Children's Opera Theatre

Children's Opera Theatre is the foundation of Fort Worth Opera's educational initiatives, teaching over 50,000 school-aged children about music and opera each year. Annually, the program produces two different children's operas and performs them in schools across the state of Texas. The artists who perform for Children's Opera Theatre are with the Fort Worth Opera Studio, a training program for opera singer apprentices.

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