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MEDIA ALERT:

**BRINGING OPERA TO FORT WORTH SCHOOL CHILDREN:
“LITTLE RED’S MOST UNUSUAL DAY” COMING TO SPRINGDALE ELEMENTARY**

- WHAT: Kicking off a tour of performances at area elementary schools, Fort Worth Opera's Children's Opera Theatre will perform "Little Red's Most Unusual Day" at Fort Worth ISD's Springdale Elementary. The humorous story offers a twist on the traditional *Little Red Riding Hood*. The music features popular opera tunes by Gioacchino Rossini and Jacques Offenbach. The opera is performed in English, approximately 45 minutes long.
- WHEN: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 1:00-1:45 p.m.
- WHERE: Springdale Elementary School 3207 Hollis Street, Fort Worth, TX 76111
- INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES: Cast members, Fort Worth Opera and Fort Worth ISD staff
- VISUAL OPPORTUNITIES: - Press photos & video may be taken during performance; no flash please. Press can come at 12:45 p.m. to set up if desired
- Hi-res photographs are available online at www.fwopera.org, under "Press" – password: 12343
- B-roll will be available following the performance on the Fort Worth ISD website: www.fwisd.org; click on "Video on Demand" in the left column menu. A link will also be provided on the Fort Worth Opera website
- BACKGROUND: Children's Opera Theatre is a subsidiary program of Fort Worth Opera to educate school-aged children about music and opera. Each year the program produces two different children's operas and performs them in schools across the state of Texas.
- The artists that perform for Children's Opera Theatre come from the Fort Worth Opera Studio, a training program for apprentice opera singers.
- STORY: Forest Ranger Dudley is too shy to ask Little Red's mom, the widow Hood, to the Forest Ranger Ball directly, so he leaves a written invitation in a basket of flowers outside Little Red's house. Unfortunately for Dudley, the basket is delivered to Granny instead. In the resulting confusion everyone experiences a very, very unusual day.

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