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### **CHILDREN'S OPERA THEATRE TO PERFORM "LITTLE PIGS" & "BILLY GOATS" DURING SPRING BREAK**

FORT WORTH, TX – Fort Worth Opera is giving children something to look forward to this Spring Break that will be fun and educational. The Fort Worth Opera's Children's Opera Theatre is the perfect opportunity to **expose children to the arts** with the hilarious adaptations of *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Billy Goats Gruff*.

This year the Children's Opera Theatre is helping the community, together with the Tarrant Area Food Bank, with its "Feed the Wolf, Save the Pigs," program. When patrons attend *The Three Little Pigs* and **donate one nonperishable food item**, they will receive one free ticket to a performance of *The Billy Goats Gruff*. 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, while supplies last.

*The Three Little Pigs*, adapted by John Davies, retells the classic fairy tale of three pigs trying to outsmart the wolf. Performed in English, it features music from some of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's famous operas. The opera promotes reading and problem solving skills for children. ***The Three Little Pigs* will be performed on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Scott Theatre** located in the Fort Worth Community Arts Center at 1300 Gendy Street Fort Worth, TX 76107.

*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 Friday, March 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Scott Theatre** located in the Fort Worth Community Arts Center at 1300 Gendy Street Fort Worth, TX 76107.

Each opera is about **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.fwoperatickets.org](http://www.fwoperatickets.org) or by calling 817.731.0726.

**Photos:** More information and high-resolution photos of *The Three Little Pigs* can be found online at [www.fwopera.org](http://www.fwopera.org) under “Press” – please call (817) 269-9795 for the password.

### **About Children’s Opera Theatre**

Children’s Opera Theatre is the mainstay of Fort Worth Opera’s educational initiatives, teaching over 50,000 school-aged children yearly 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.

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