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Opera performance for students today

Members of opera *The Magic Flute* will perform for St Michael's Collegiate School today (**Thursday 11 August 2011**).

This follows last week's much-acclaimed public season of *The Magic Flute*, which features professional opera singers from throughout Australia and UTAS Conservatorium of Music's voice students.

In this one-hour abridged show, tailored to educate and excite audiences of primary and secondary students, the Conservatorium's voice students step up into the principal roles.

With performing being one of the most valuable teaching tools, this production provides voice students with exciting and demanding opportunities to develop and fine-tune their talent.

After the performance, students will get the opportunity to meet with the director and cast (including the dragon) and are encouraged to ask any questions they may have, as well as getting the chance to try on some of the stage costumes.

The Conservatorium's schools program is aimed at helping to create a generation of Tasmanians who appreciate opera as an exciting and important art form.

What: Schools production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*

Who: Director Darren Sangwell, the cast and local school students

When: 2-2.30pm on Thursday 11 August 2011

Where: McNeill Performing Arts Centre, St Michael's Collegiate School, Macquarie Street, Hobart

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