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## Press Release

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### **Students Celebrate Opera During Performance of ‘Myth in a Museum’ All That Was Missing Was Rexy and Ben Stiller**

**Baton Rouge, LA** – An Egyptian queen, a Native American, a ‘50s bobby-soxer and a boy from the Revolutionary War era came to life this week at the **Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts** as part of the student opera “Myth in the Museum.” Loosely based on the movie “Night at the Museum,” the three-scene student opera took students, staff and parents on a wild romp around a museum after historical figures come alive. **Those characters include (photo, left to right) Casie, a girl from the 1950s played by Kaitylyn Young; Light Feather, played by Brittani Thomas; and Chatuluka Nailah Re, played by Grace Martin.**

Over 10 weeks, various students in the **Fourth Grade United All Stars Opera Company** are broken up into crews to create an original student opera from the ground up. Crews included: performers, writers/ historians, composers, orchestra members, set designers, carpenters, costumers, make-up artists, publicity agents, electricians and stage managers. Each crew was under the supervision of a fourth-grade teacher or an arts staff member. **Free public performances will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 22, and 10 a.m. Friday, October 23.**

The company (4th graders) as a whole chose a company name, theme, thesis statement, colors, line, shape and texture. The writers took the information and wrote a script from that. The performances are made possible with assistance from **the Washington National Opera’s Creating Original Opera program in Washington, D.C. Creating Original Opera**, which originated with the New York Metropolitan Opera, **has been in existence for eight years at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts.**

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