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Summer camp SINGS in Riverside!

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – For the fifth year, the City of Riverside, in partnership with the Riverside Lyric Opera, is holding an opera summer program for youth and adults.

The weeklong rehearsals in voice, staging and classical music culminates in a **free** public concert at the Cesar Chavez Community Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. Friday, July 20.

“Riverside Lyric Opera embodies the spirit of the arts and innovation in our community. The workshop encourages the expressive side of operatic art and offers skills development in a variety of areas including vocal technique, stage presence and the often forgotten stage operations. Our program gets better every year,” Melendrez said. “There’s classical vocal talent in Riverside and surrounding communities, and this provides them the opportunity to show it.”

The summer workshop started Wednesday, July 11 with daytime rehearsals for youth and evening sessions for adults. There are nearly 20 youth in the program, ages 6 to 17. Mezzo-soprano Suzanna Guzman, artist-in-residence at the Los Angeles Opera, has provided her talents as an adult instructor this week, as she has since the program’s inception in 2008. There are 40 people in the adult program.

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