

CEDAR RAPIDS OPERA

Bring the Magic of Opera to Your Students!

Cedar Rapids Opera's touring production of **Papagayo**

Who We Are and Why We Tour with the Opera

Cedar Rapids Opera brings live, professional opera directly to schools, libraries, and community venues throughout Eastern Iowa. Our Children's Opera Tour introduces young audiences to powerful storytelling, live singing, and the magic of theater (often for the very first time)!

The performers are members of Cedar Rapids Opera's Smith Young Artist Program, selected from a national applicant pool of approximately 400 emerging professional artists each year.

What Is a Children's Opera?

A children's opera is an engaging, fully staged story told through live music and singing. Featuring professional singers, colorful costumes, puppetry, and imaginative sets, Papagayo is designed especially for elementary-aged students, but audiences of all ages, from middle school students to adults, love these performances.

The performance runs approximately 30 minutes, with an optional question-and-answer session afterward.

Bring Papagayo to Your Community

Performances are available **October 5-23, 2026**, for a fee of \$250.

Scholarships and sponsorships may cover all or part of the performance fee, so please do not let cost prevent you from requesting a performance.

To learn more, request scholarship support, or book a performance, contact info@cropera.org.

What Does Your Venue Need?

Cedar Rapids Opera provides all sets, costumes, and puppetry! The host venue should provide:

1. Access to a tuned piano or digital piano (accommodations can be made for us to bring one as well)
2. An open performance area with room for students and guests
3. Access to the space 45 minutes before and 30 minutes after the performance
4. A traditional stage is not required. We have performed in gymnasiums, courtyards, amphitheaters, libraries, museums, and many other community spaces.

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Music and words by
Edward Barnes

Based on the beloved book
Papagayo The Mischief Maker
by Gerald McDermott



Images from last season's *Littlest Mermaid*

