

Opera North Casting Call

Turn of the Screw Auditions

(Boys aged 10-13)

Opera North are looking for one boy, plus one understudy, to sing the role of Miles in our revival production of Benjamin Britten's *Turn of the Screw*, directed by Alessandro Talevi and conducted by Leo McFall.

Rehearsals will take place in Leeds from **Monday 16 December 2019**. Please note that time off school will be required during the rehearsal period.

The production opens in Leeds and there are performances at 7.30pm as follows:

15, 18, 21, 25, 27 February 2020 (Grand Theatre, Leeds);

5 March (Theatre Royal, Newcastle);

11 March (The Lowry, Salford Quays);

19 March (Theatre Royal, Nottingham)



Photo from our 2010 production featuring Fflur Wyn (Flora) & James Micklethwaite (Miles)

The young people need to be able to commit to the entire performance schedule.

The production:

In a remote country house, a newly-appointed governess fights to protect two children from menacing spirits. But are these apparitions real, or the product of her troubled imagination? And what terrible evil occurred before the governess's arrival?

More information can be found at: www.operanorth.co.uk/whats-on/the-turn-of-the-screw/

The role:

Miles should be aged 10-13 (or near this age) and under 5'2", with a strong, unchanged voice. He should also be a confident actor as this is a principal role.

The audition process:

We will be holding auditions on **Saturday 14th September** from 2-4pm at the **Northern School of Contemporary Dance**, Leeds. The children will take part in drama exercises, learn some of the music, and will have a chance to sing individually to the team. The boys should come either prepared to sing **one** of the below folk tunes, or a similar own-choice folk tune, either accompanied or unaccompanied. If they would like to be accompanied, please ensure that they bring a readable piano part for the accompanist to play from!

O Waly Waly (The water is wide)

<https://www.nycgb.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=194414f3-6915-4232-8f41-f095c64ac353>

Scarborough Fair

<https://www.nycgb.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=f8fab623-102b-40a4-b1f8-d8ad218b73a3>

Salley Gardens

<https://www.nycgb.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=f5371663-4ed3-4013-a2a3-36cd954ba8f5>

Applications: To book a space at the auditions, please fill in the following online form: [Turn of the Screw, Miles](#), which needs returning by noon on **Monday 9th September**. Please note that spaces are limited, so applications will be reviewed before audition places are offered.

For any further questions, please contact: felicity.dunk@operanorth.co.uk