

Scottish Opera take school pupils on creative adventure

School pupils across Scotland are packing up their maps and binoculars for a creative adventure with Scottish Opera as *The Legend of Slim McBride* and *The Lost Tribe* comes to primary schools.

The 30 minute opera for P5-P7 pupils – which they learn and perform in their own schools – explores the exotic world of the South American rainforest, using singing and drama to teach pupils more about the plants and wildlife it supports, and the perils it faces.

Slim McBride is a famous explorer, and has come to the rainforest with a group of scientists, to try to discover the legendary Lost Tribe. Slim soon finds their home among the plants and animals of the forest, and is so inspired by their way of life he hatches a plan to bring more tourists, jobs and money to the area. But the Tribe are worried Slims' plan won't just bring tourists, but a whole heap of trouble too...

The Legend of Slim McBride and *The Lost Tribe* introduces pupils to opera and performance and helps them develop their own creativity. It is also designed specifically to work in line with the Curriculum for Excellence to enhance lessons already being taught in classrooms. In preparation for their roles as Scientists, the Lost Tribe and Tourists, pupils will be encouraged to find out more about rainforests, and ask questions about their survival, ecosystem, and why it's important they be protected.

Scottish Opera's Director of Education and Outreach Jane Davidson said:- 'It's clear at every single school we visit how much the children are enjoying learning and performing this opera. All the pupils are embracing Slim McBride's

adventurous spirit and digging deep to discover their own creative talents, as well as more about the very real issues behind the production.'

Pupils learn the words and music for The Legend of Slim McBride and The Lost Tribe in their own classrooms, and are then visited by a Scottish Opera team of arts education specialists and performers who spend a day with pupils to prepare them for a performance in their school for friends, family and classmates.

Performances take place across the country between January and June 2013, but will be in Edinburgh on the following dates:-

Edinburgh

Craigroyston Primary School, Wed 30 Jan

Wardie Primary School, Thu 31 Jan

Leith Primary School, Mon 11 Mar

Roseburn Primary School, Tues 12 Mar

Hermitage Park Primary School, Wed 13 Mar

Trinity Primary School, Tues 23 Apr

Duddingston Primary School, Thu 25 Apr

Cramond Primary School, Tues 7 May

Corstorphine Primary School, Wed 8 May

Sciennes Primary School, Thu 9 May

South Morningside Primary School, Mon 13 May

Prestonfield Primary School, Tues 14 May