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Townsend Opera announces auditions for the 2010/11 and 2011/12 seasons

Townsend Opera is pleased to announce that it will hold local auditions for lead roles in its 2010/11 and 2011/12 seasons. The audition will take place on Saturday, May 15 at the Townsend Opera business office at 605 H Street, Modesto, CA 95354. Participants must have three musical selections prepared: an aria from the desired role (memorization not required), an aria in a foreign language from memory, and an aria/song in English, also from memory. There is a \$15 fee to audition, and an accompanist will be provided.

Participants must be able to commit to two weeks of early afternoon and evening rehearsals if offered a role in a production. Anyone interested in auditioning should contact Melissa Struxness at Melissa@townsendoperaplayers.com or 209.523.6426 to inquire about season repertoire and to schedule an audition.

There will be a separate audition during the summer for chorus and supernumerary roles.

Townsend Opera was founded in 1983, and is the only professional opera and musical theater company in Stanislaus County. Townsend Opera Players performs three major productions each season, as well as many other smaller productions and gala performances. In addition, Townsend Opera Players offers many educational opportunities to the community through the Townsend Opera Program, including an early music development program for children aged 8-12, an academic year master class series and a summer institute for students aged 13-18, a collegiate division for pre-professionals, opportunities to access the art form for underserved adult demographics, and productions of fully-staged operas for schools throughout the county.

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