

Music at All Souls' Point Loma presents
BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S
NOYE'S FLUDDE
(NOAH'S FLOOD)



CALLING ALL CHILDREN!
WE NEED ANIMALS!

A unique and once in a lifetime musical opportunity for your child (Ages 5-12)

All Souls' Episcopal Church will be performing Benjamin Britten's 45-minute children's opera *Noye's Fludde* (Noah's Flood) on **June 8 & 9**. An important part of the story includes the groups of animals that march on to the ark just before the great flood begins! These animals are played by groups of children who dress up like their favorite animal, ranging from the smallest to the largest, of every possible variety.

We are looking for children ages 5-12 to fill these important roles (*If you have a younger child who would like to participate, please be in contact with All Souls' Music Director for details: rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org.*

You do not need to be a member of All Souls' Church to participate...The more the merrier!

To participate, your child must be available for the following dates and times:

Animal Mask Making Day and rehearsal:

Saturday, May 19 (1-3pm)

Full Rehearsal with Orchestra:

Saturday, June 2 (1-4pm)

Dress Rehearsal with Orchestra:

Wednesday, June 6 (6-9pm)

2 Performances:

Friday & Saturday, June 8 & 9 (7.30pm) Call Time: 6pm

All events take place at **All Souls' Episcopal Church**: 1475 Catalina Blvd., San Diego 92107
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WHAT IS NOYE'S FLUDDE?

Noye's Fludde is a 45 minute opera for children, composed by the British composer Benjamin Britten, based on a medieval Mystery Play about Noah's Ark. Britten wrote it with the aim of bringing together young people and adults, both amateur and professional, for community music-making.

WHY IS IT SPELLED IN A FUNNY WAY, AND HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE IT?

The text that Benjamin Britten used was written at the end of the 16th century, and he retained the old spellings. But he asks that modern pronunciation be used, so we pronounce it: Noah's Flood.

OPERA IN CHURCH?

Yes! Britten composed *Noye's Fludde* to be performed in a church setting. Some of the main roles (Noah and Mrs. Noah, to name two) were composed to be sung by professional singers, and those parts will be performed by two of our own professional soloists; some of the other parts will be performed by members of our chorister program (children's choir), as well as the adult choir. The parts of the animals in the Ark are to be sung by children.

WHO IS DIRECTING THIS PRODUCTION?

Stephen Sturk, *Conductor*, Bill Cobb, *Stage Director*, Ruben Valenzuela, *Music Director*

WHAT IS A MASK MAKING DAY?

For the children who have chosen to be animals, the mask-making day is an opportunity to make a mask that represents the animal that you've chosen to be. All Souls' Church will be supplying a variety of materials in order to do this. Following the mask-making, all the children who are present will rehearse the music that they will be singing when they march on and off the ark as animals. The music is not difficult, but it does need to be rehearsed beforehand.

ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPERA?

Yes! Although we have people already assigned to the principal roles, we still need help behind the scenes in a variety of ways. If you would like to get involved, please contact: Ruben Valenzuela: rvalenzuela@allsoulspointloma.org.

WHERE CAN I READ MORE ABOUT NOYE'S FLUDDE?

There are many excellent articles online about *Noye's Fludde*. For example:
<https://www.plough.com/en/topics/culture/music/benjamin-brittens-one-act-opera-noyes-fludde>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/18/arts/music/brittens-noyes-fludde-with-young-performers.html>

IS THIS SOMETHING MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS MIGHT ENJOY?

Absolutely! Beautiful music, a great story, wonderful scenery...there's so much to enjoy! And, the whole opera only lasts 45 minutes! The performances will take place on **June 8 & 9 at 7.30pm** with a request of a free-will donation (tickets required). **To obtain tickets contact:** noah@allsoulspointloma.org.