



Dear Opera Parent

This years Opera "The World Below" promises to be an amazing production!

Now that we are in full rehearsal mode and getting ready to put the whole production together, it is time to ask you to contribute the **per child** rehearsal fee of \$60.00. This fee goes towards the cost for costumes, rehearsal time with truly outstanding musicians and choreographers.

As you may already know, producing a show like this does cost money. Even with getting incredible amounts of material, time and professional services donated the rehearsal fee only covers a fraction of our overall costs. Our "shoe-string" budget is built on a cost recovery model, using ticket sales, fund-raising and the \$60.00 per child rehearsal fee to cover all expenses,

For those of you who also may have a child signed up for TechCrew, we will send a separate notice in May, to collect their participation fee of \$20.00.

While we fully understand that all families have different financial obligations and means, some of you have asked how you can help ensure all the costs are covered for this production. The following provides some suggestions as to how you can help us financially beyond the rehearsal fee:

- Contribute additional money directly through paying the rehearsal fee plus a generous donation
- Sign your children up for the next Parent's Night Out fundraiser on Friday April 18th.
- Come to the planned Earth Day event on the evening of April 22nd at 7:00 PM at Coe Elementary School. This is a fund-raising event in support of the opera and hosted together with People for Puget Sound and Michael Tomkins. Child care will be available for \$10/child (\$20 for a family with 2 or more children)

We are always open to other suggestions as to help cover all the costs, and to ensure that this production becomes truly a unique experience for your child and for the larger Coe community.

Regarding how to pay the **per child rehearsal fee**, we ask that you provide a check made payable to: EMpower Productions and bring to the rehearsal. We in turn, will issue you a receipt for your records.

Thank you for participating in this endeavor. We look forward to opening night in May!

Elizabeth Power

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ely Power", written in a cursive style.