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YOUTHFUL MUSIC

Kindergarteners put on opera

The Kindergarten class at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic School recently created and performed an original opera. The students will be performing "The Cow That Went Oink," based on the story book by Bernard Most.

Mary Williams, kindergarten teacher, found a creative way to integrate language arts, drama, music, and dance curriculum by introducing her students to opera.

She was greatly inspired by the Music! Words! Opera! class, which was offered to educators free of charge by Utah Symphony & Opera.

The opera is funded by a SHOPA Kids In Need Teacher Grant funded by JOANN Stores Inc.

Since last fall, kindergarteners learned the basics of opera, worked together to write their own words to their opera and worked with composer Emily Murphy from the Utah Symphony & Opera to create melodies and their score and worked with volunteer choreographer Michelle Armstrong from The Ballet Centre to create dance movements and staging.



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