



Madame Chandelier's Opera Party for Kids

Pleasance Courtyard (The Green), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ

Wednesday 2nd – Tuesday 15th August 2023, 14:30

Opera singer and comedian Delea Shand brings her hilarious opera party for kids to Edinburgh Fringe this summer. Madame Chandelier will delight young audiences with dazzling divas, dramatic death scenes and hilarious high notes in this interactive opera comedy show.

Audiences will meet evil queens who sing way too high, princesses who won't stop crying and even a priestess who's always on fire! *Madame Chandelier's Opera Party for Kids* is the ideal accessible and hilarious introduction to opera for young audiences, taking them on a journey through some of the most famous opera scenes and characters from classic operas.

Madame Chandelier is a fabulous host, adorned in Valkyrie horns, introducing audiences to Jacopo Peri, who wrote the very first opera in 1600; *Rigoletto's* Gilda, who tells us the basics (why are so many operas in different languages?); audiences will sing the opera and Madame Butterfly will appear as if by magic; and Mozart's Queen of the Night sings her famously very, very high notes. These and many more will provide a delightful, uproarious introduction to opera for kids.

Madame Chandelier's Opera Party for Kids is created and performed by Delea Shand with creative adviser Christina Gulick, with the aim of making traditional more accessible for children, as education funding is slashed, and to challenge the perception that opera is elitist and expensive.

Delea Shand comments, *When I first created the character of Madame Chandelier, I thought I was making fun of opera, but people in comedy clubs came up to me all the time and said 'I've never been to the opera, but I would go now.'* I hope that Madame Chandelier's Opera Party for Kids is the show that opens up opera to young audiences.

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Madame Chandelier's Opera Party for Kids</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 nd – Tuesday 15 th August, 14:30 All performances are relaxed
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Pleasance Courtyard (The Green), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ
Box Office	Tickets are available from https://www.pleasance.co.uk/events Previews £6.50, weekends £10.50 (£9.50), midweek £9 (£8)
Creator/Performer	Delea Shand
Creative Adviser	Christina Gulick
Notes	Recommended ages 8 – 11
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