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The Three Little Pigs

FEBRUARY 23—MARCH 27, 2015

The Three Little Pigs is an operatic version of the children's fable. This story adaptation by John Davies is based on scenes from operas by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Opera to Go will be visiting schools from February 23—March 27, 2015. **Reserve your spot early** to guarantee your students a performance. We hope to visit your school again next year!

Synopsis of The Three Little Pigs

While brother pigs Don Giovanni and Cherubino set off to make homes of sticks and straw, their sister, Despina, goes to the library to read up on "huff-proof, puff-proof" home construction. After Wolfgang Bigbad blows down the boys' flimsy homes, they run to their sister's sturdy new brick house quite ready to admit that going to the library and reading books is a pretty smart thing to do after all.



Themes and Inspiration

While working as Director of Education for Syracuse Opera, I was asked by a large Parent Teacher Association if we had anything in our repertoire celebrating books and reading. The PTA had initiated a program called PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) and was looking for imaginative ways to celebrate reading and literature.

The Three Little Pigs emerged shortly thereafter. I thought it would be fun to have the two pigs who build their homes of straw and sticks do so out of a kind of slovenly lack of planning. In contrast, the little book-loving pig who builds her brick house goes to the library and reads up on wolf-resistant structures.

- John Davies

