

2026|27 Dress Rehearsals for Students Bus Scholarship Information

The logo for the Lyric Opera of Chicago, featuring the word "Lyric" in a white, elegant script font on a maroon square background.

Thank you for your interest in Lyric Opera of Chicago's Dress Rehearsals for Students program! If you have completed the ticket request form and have not received a ticket confirmation, are having trouble finding a bus, or have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to **Negaunee Education Programs:** education@lyricopera.org.

Bus Reimbursements!

Please visit your ticket order confirmation email from audienceservices@lyricopera.org to learn if you have been awarded a bus scholarship. At this time, bus scholarships are being offered in the form of a reimbursement, **meaning the school will book and pay for the bus(es) in advance**, and Lyric will reimburse the school at or following the attended performance.

In order to be reimbursed for your bus(es), a booking invoice/confirmation from the bus company must be sent to us via email, **at least 15 business days before the performance**, in addition to your school's W-9 (if you are not a CPS school). The school will be reimbursed for the amount indicated on the bus invoice/receipt. We will hand you a reimbursement check when you arrive at the opera house, provided we receive your paperwork 15 days before the performance. We can only provide reimbursement for buses that travel directly from the school to Lyric, and directly from Lyric back to the school.

The Reimbursement Process

- School reserves bus(es) immediately following ticket order confirmation.
- School pays for bus(es).
- **School notifies Lyric if the school group is no longer able to attend performance.**
- School submits the following paperwork to Lyric Opera of Chicago, at least 15 business days before the performance: education@lyricopera.org
 - o Invoice/confirmation from the bus company indicating a bus reservation has been made by the school
 - o Completed and signed W-9 from the school - for schools outside of CPS only
 - o School clerk's name and email address
- The school group attends Lyric's performance
- Lyric distributes a reimbursement check to the designated school group leader **on the performance day**.
- If paperwork is not submitted on time, Lyric mails a reimbursement check to the school clerk. (The final date Lyric will accept paperwork/process reimbursement for the 2026/27 school year is **June 1, 2027**.)

Important to note

- Lyric will not provide reimbursement for school groups who do not attend the performance.
- Lyric will not provide reimbursement for school groups who take the bus to a second or alternate location during the field trip.

The details needed to reserve a bus for this performance are as follows:

- **Drop off location:** Lyric Opera of Chicago: 20 N Wacker Dr, Chicago, 60606
- **Bus drop off time:** 12pm (all dress rehearsals start promptly at 1pm)
- **Departure:** We understand that some schools may need to leave early due to scheduling or other constraints. **We ask schools to depart either at intermission or at the end of the performance.**
- If you are having difficulty securing a bus, please contact education@lyricopera.org.

TITLE	DATE	Intermission start time	End of Opera
<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	~2:35 pm	4:25 pm
<i>Omar</i>	Tuesday, October 20, 2026	~2:05 pm	3:40 pm
<i>Don Pasquale</i>	Tuesday, November 10, 2026	~2:25 pm	3:40 pm
<i>Ariadne auf Naxos</i>	Monday, March 8, 2027	~1:45 pm	3:40 pm
<i>La Traviata</i>	Friday, March 19, 2027	~3:05 pm	4:05 pm
<i>Susannah</i>	Thursday, April 8, 2027	~1:45 pm	3:10 pm
<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Thursday, June 3, 2027	~2:20 pm	3:45 pm

If you are no longer able to attend the performance, please notify us within 10 days of receiving your order confirmation. **Unused tickets may result in the forfeiture of free ticket opportunities in the future.**

Thank you for sharing the world of opera with your students. We look forward to seeing you at the opera house!