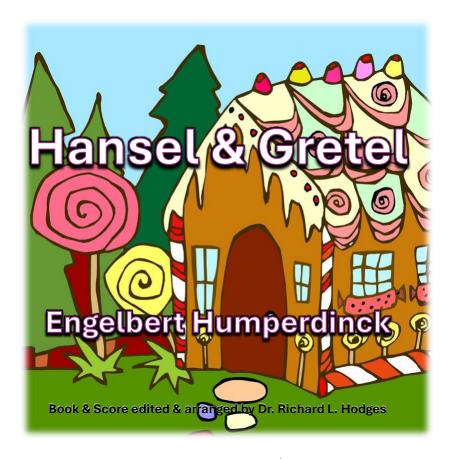


Presents

Summer Music & Theatre Academy





Friday, June 27th, 2025

Charleston Heights Arts Center

Las Vegas, Nevada



Cast List

Hansel(s)

ACT ONE – Olamide Ajayi ACT TWO – Lorenzo Kiyoshi Kondo ACT THREE – Zachary Magallanes

Father – Santiago Garcia Mother – Jasmine Olivares

Sandman – Arya McCarty

Dew Fairy – Sophia Roswell

Poghossian

Witch – Harvey Weller

Gretel(s)

ACT ONE – Melat Karim

ACT TWO – Opal May-Spencer ACT THREE – Lilly Trianco

Cuckoo - Jayden Magallagoda

Echo 1 – *Lillian Teal*

Echo 2 – Nickolas Breazu

Echo 3 – Ayotunde Ajayi

Echo 4 – Norah Mclotosh

Echo 5 - Eloi Berger

Gingerbread Children & Angels

Ayotunde Ajayi Claire Asgarian Eloi Berger Giulianan Blakev

Dani L Bowman Nickolas Breazu

Myla Champlin Cat R Chang

> Irene Chen Aria Cortez

Aria Dudley Alexis Edith Farrales

xis Euitii Farrates Fva Garcia

Aaliyah Gardner

Amelie Hall Chiara Hansen Leonardo Hansen

Evette Jess Daisy Grace Keller Lorenzo Kiyoshi Kondo

Jayden Magallagoda Norah McIntosh

Dahlia Snow Zenyatta Tamburello Lillian Teal

> Isabella Valli Chai'ah Zakalik Zion Zakalik

Note: The Full Cast helped to create and paint all set pieces

Hansel and Gretel Synopsis

Act One: A broom maker (Peter), his wife (Gertrude) and two children (Hansel and Gretel) live In a small cottage on the edge of the woods. The family is poor and the children have not eaten for weeks. The mother goes to a neighbor's house and leaves the kids to do their chores. Both Hansel and Gretel would rather play and dance than complete their work. When mother comes home she reprimands the children and becomes flustered. She trips over the milk jug and sends the kids to pick strawberries in the woods.

When Father comes come, he warns mother of the evils that lurk in the forest. Afraid of what my happen to the children, the mother and father run into the woods to find their children.

Act Two: In the woods, Hansel picks strawberries while Gretel picks flowers. They play games with the cuckoo until they realize it is late at night and they decide to go to sleep. The Sandman can be seen putting the children to sleep, but not before they say their prayers.

Act Three: A Gingerbread house comes into view as the Dew Fairy wakes the children. Both Hansel and Gretel begin to eat from the house when the witch finally appears and grabs both children. With her bewitching spell the children are trapped. The Witch asks Gretel to feed Hansel and then check the oven. The children then push the Witch into the oven. The magic released frees the Gingerbread Hedge and brings the children back to life.

The Father and Mother spot Hansel and Gretel in the sea of children. Everyone is reunited and reminded of the importance of gratitude.

About the Summer Music & Theatre Academy

Vegas City Opera's Summer Music & Theatre Academy has evolved over the years from a multi-genre experience to an operatic experience. We believe that campers should have the chance to perform opera a create a show. Our continued hope is that campers will become inspired by the process of storytelling in the operatic medium.

SMTA Faculty

Dr. Richard L. Hodges – SMTA Director

Marcie Ley – VCO Director of Education & Outreach

Keith Milkie – SMTA Instructor & Coach

Shayla Rose – SMTA Technical Director & Stage Manager

Dr. Spencer Baker – Collaborative Pianist

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We are Excited to announce that the Children's Opera for Summer 2026 is Mozart's The Magic Flute. More Details will be shared at a later date!