



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 McIntosh*

Echo 5 – *Eloi Berger*

Gingerbread Children & Angels

Ayotunde Ajayi

Claire Asgarian

Eloi Berger

Giulianan Blakey

Dani L Bowman

Nickolas Breazu

Myla Champlin

Cat R Chang

Irene Chen

Aria Cortez

Aria Dudley

Alexis Edith Farrales

Eva 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 home, he warns mother of the evils that lurk in the forest. Afraid of what may 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 and 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*

Special Thanks

Ginger Land-van Burren – *Executive Director* – Vegas City Opera

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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!**