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Dear parents or guardians,

A big hello from Buxton International Festival, we really hope you're having a lovely Easter. This letter comes to you from Lucie De Lacy, Outreach and Audience Development Officer for the Festival.

As you may or may not know, we've been working with a fabulously mixed group of students from St Thomas More school to perform in an opera... And not just any opera. This is the UK debut of **The Orphans of Koombu** – a 75-minute show bursting with operatic beauty, dollops of musical theatre and African harmonies.

What you also may or may not know is that we're bringing this show with a full cast of nine professional singers and a band with marimba, piano and percussion to St Thomas More school on **Tuesday 7th May 2019**. And tickets are on sale now!

We're encouraging **YOU** - mums, dads, siblings, grannies, grandads, aunties, uncles, cousins, friends and anyone else you possibly think of to come along and enjoy an exhilarating evening of fabulous music.

St Thomas More students have been working really hard with our director and conductor, and are now ready to join an amazing cast of nine upcoming operatic singers to perform The Orphans of Koombu for the first time.

What's it all about?

The piece is based on The Secret Song written by award-winning author Michael Williams. First performed by Cape Town Opera to communities throughout South Africa, The Orphans of Koombu is all about oppression, uprising, euphoria and a new world order.

Three travellers, Sticks, Sophia and Silas set out on journey to the mysterious town of Koombu. They meet a group of young people digging holes, who run from them in terror. Sticks discovers that the townsfolk are hiding a dark secret which threatens to destroy the town. The land responds to this betrayal of its youth by drying the rivers and springs. Can the three travellers inspire the orphans and bring harmony and healing to an artificially fractured society?

When and where

Join us at St Thomas More school on **Tuesday 7th May** at 6pm (for a 6:30pm performance time).

The performance will be finished at 8pm at the latest, so there's still plenty of time to grab dinner afterwards.

Get your tickets

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Adults: £8

Children: £4

Family (2 adults, 2 children): £20

Our Festival team will be at the performance and I'd absolutely love to meet you there. At a time where the arts in education needs our support, it's people like you who really make the difference – so thank you in advance.

If you have any questions or queries at all, feel free to get in touch with me on luciedelacy@buxtonfestival.co.uk.

Have a great week.

Kind regards,

Lucie De Lacy

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