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The Magic Flute with Opera for the Young

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# **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

Illustrations by Ingrid Kallick; design concept and costumes by Karen Brown-Larimore



Queen of the Night
Pamina
Tamino
Council of Wisdom
Papageno
Three Ladies
Sarastro / Brave Alien
The Dragon

OFTY Artist
OFTY Artist
OFTY Artist
Student Chorus
OFTY Artist
OFTY Artists
Students\*
Student Chorus

\*Your teacher will select these individuals ahead of time

# **PLOT SYNOPSIS**

Once upon a time, a huge planet broke into two smaller planets. The bright Sun Planet was ruled by the good King Sarastro and the dark Moon Planet was ruled by the evil Queen of the Night.

### ACT 1

The opera begins on the Moon Planet. The Queen of the Night commands her soldier, Pamina, to fly off to the Sun Planet and steal the Sun Crest. Pamina is sad because she thinks the Queen's orders are wrong. She hears voices from the other planet telling her not to worry and to fly over to join them as a friend, instead. The Queen overhears this and she releases her Dragon to go after Pamina. Just then, Tamino lands on the Moon Planet and the Dragon chases him! The Queen's Ladies send the Dragon back to it's cave and decide- now that Pamina is gone - to use Tamino to do what the Queen wants. Papageno, the Queen's Bird Catcher, meets up with Tamino and the two men are sent over to the Sun Planet to bring Pamina back. The Ladies give them Silver Bells and a Magic Flute to protect them.

# ACT 2

On the Sun Planet, the Council of Wisdom tells Tamino and Papageno that it is the Queen who is bad, not Sarastro! The men split up to find Pamina, and Papageno finds her first. The Queen arrives and tells Papageno and Pamina that they cannot escape her - she plans to conquer the Sun Planet! Tamino enters and tells Papageno to play his Silver Bells. The music makes the Queen dance. Papageno, Tamino, and Pamina believe they are safe, but the Queen grows angry again. Her Ladies join her and they all capture Sarastro. Tamino plays his Magic Flute and the Queen finally gives in and joins the others as they sing of peace and love.

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT CHORUS & ROLES**

Here are some tips that will help you read the script.

• The green bubbles "set the scene" and provide a brief description of what is happening onstage.

Once upon a time...

• Stage directions will be in blue and inside parentheses. All movement will be simple and led by the OFTY artists.

(OFTY Artists then seat CHORUS)

- All CHORUS words are **bold**, sung CHORUS words (lyrics) **are also italicized**.
- #1 MEET THE CAST of OFTY's VIDEO TUTORIALS. Visit our website (with adult permission) and follow along with the Video Tutorials to rehearse at home!

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• NOTE: The **CAVE** is the area near the pianist where the **CHORUS** sits during the show when they are not involved in the onstage action.

# THE MAGIC FLUTE

In the beginning of the opera, the **chorus** will split into two groups. 8 of you will play the Dragon, and 8 of you will appear to Pamina through a power field (a giant decorated umbrella). This happens right after Pamina's sad aria. The **power field group** calls out to her, she replies, and then you sing the first chorus song.

#2 LEARN TO SING: Now come to where a light is gleaming

(Papageno leads the **Power Field Group** onstage. They cluster together under an umbrella)

CHORUS: Good Princess Pamina, listen! We are Sarastro's Council of Wisdom. You are not alone! Join us on the Sun Planet!

Pamina: The Power Field allows me a vision of alien friends from across the galaxy.

Hark! What kind words!

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# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT CHORUS & ROLES continued**

CHORUS: Now come to where a light is gleaming, the sun with golden rays. with Pap Discover peace - awake or dreaming - the dawn of better days.

Oh, leave this planet far behind you; Come where evil laws cannot bind you. The Queen is wrong, Sarastro's right, Just as the day dawns after night, Just as the day dawns after night!

(The **power field group** is escorted backstage to wait for their cue to return to the cave)

Pamina sings an exciting song which the Queen overhears. She angrily calls out the cue for the **Dragon Chorus** to enter and pursue Tamino, who finally faints.

#3 LEARN YOUR HOPS: Dragon Chorus

Queen: Traitor!! I summon the Dragon!

(The **Dragon group** and **2 adult volunteers** slowly carry in the dragon, hissing loudly until Tamino starts to sing. Tamino will cue you to hop towards him 5 times)

Tamino: Oh help, oh help me, oh here comes a monster! (Dragon hops)

Oh help, oh help me, oh here comes a monster! (**Dragon** hops)

This terrible dragon will eat me for dinner, oh somebody save me! (Dragon hops)

It's crawling so near (**Dragon** hops) It's crawling so near (**Dragon** hops) ...oh rescue me, save me, help me!

3-Ladies: Back, Monster, back into your cave! (**Dragon** shakes)

(The **dragon chorus** shakes the dragon as they are zapped, then retreats to the cave)

Your next song begins the second act. The Dragon and Power Field groups are now together as the **Alien Council of Wisdom**.

#4 LEARN TO SING: Oh welcome to our planet

(The **chorus** enters using their alien walks and noises)

CHORUS: Oh welcome to our planet, a sunny, cheerful land.

Sarastro gives you greeting, the Council shakes your hand.

Combining the wisdom and forces that spring from these alien sources,

Together we work without cease, creating a cosmos of peace. Creating a cosmos of peace, together we work without cease,

Creating a cosmos of peace,

And our labors won't cease 'til we all live in peace!

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT CHORUS & ROLES continued**

This dialogue comes immediately after "Oh welcome to our planet." **Sarastro A**, **B**, and **C** represent each of the three students in the **Sarastro** costume.

#5 LEARN YOUR LINES: Sarastro dialogue

A: There is a great disturbance within the power field.

B: The Queen's lies have upset the balance of the galaxy.

C: But, good can come from bad: Princess Pamina has joined us!

(**Chorus** and audience make alien honks and beeps to represent cheering, **Sarastro** waves the Sun Crest to stop the celebration)

A: The time for cheering will come later.

B: Another flight pattern has appeared on the horizon.

C: Let us retreat for now.

(Chorus and Sarastro turn and walk towards the scenery as instructed by the OFTY cast)

After some adult singing, Tamino sings and plays his Magic Flute. During the (piano) music, the **chorus** and **Sarastro** will get into a straight line position for this dialogue and your next song.

# #6 LEARN TO SING: Stop and listen

Tamino: It is magic! Are you King Sarastro?

**Sarastro:** Yes, Prince Tamino.

Tamino: And is this the Alien Council of Wisdom?

CHORUS: Yes, Prince Tamino. Welcome to the Sun Planet.

Tamino: They don't seem bad or dangerous. Let's see if their politeness continues when I

state my mission. By the power vested in me by the Interstellar Peace Force, I request that you hand over that Sun Crest and release Pamina so I can bring them

back to the Queen of the Night on the Moon Planet!

(Without making any noise, the **chorus** and **Sarastro** become very agitated. During the piano introduction to your song, the **chorus** moves into a big, wide circle around Tamino using your SILENT alien movements.)

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT CHORUS & ROLES continued**

CHORUS: Stop and listen while we tell you what you have misunderstood:

King Sarastro leads the fight 'gainst evil, he is really good,

Can't you see that he is good?

But the Queen, now she's a bad one, followed by her Ladies three,

Followed by her Ladies three.

Find your friend and save Pamina or the Queen will end her life, Or the Queen will end her life, or the Queen will end her life!

(Chorus and Sarastro are seated in the cave by the OFTY cast)

The adults sing for a while, and - in the middle of a piece - Papageno will sing and play his bells, and then you will sing your final song.

# #7 LEARN TO SING: That music so lovely

Tamino: Take a chance, make her dance, you can calm her with a tune,

Papageno: Come you little silver bells, let us hear your cheerful ringing; it will set her spirit

singing!

(There is a moment of piano music representing bells during which the Queen does a goofy dance.)

CHORUS: That music so lovely, it touches my soul! La la la la la la. with Tam

Our future together in peace, what a goal! La la la la la.

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After you are done singing, there is important staging for the **chorus**, a **Brave Alien**, and **Sarastro** during this final scene.

# #8 LEARN YOUR MOVES: Brave Alien and Cheers

Queen: Why do I feel so odd? Those bells are from the Moon Planet! Is my own magic

being used against me? Was I actually dancing? Oh! And was it just fabulous?

CHORUS: No! with audience

Queen: Silence! What are you anyway - strange, talking birds? (continues)

(After a moment of speaking and singing, the Queen captures Sarastro. The Brave Alien steps forward to do their moves to save Sarastro and is captured by the 3 Ladies.)

Queen: (A few moments later) Let our planets reunite!

(Alien movements, honks, beeps! The adults sing a final quartet, then they cue the **CHORUS** for their bows during the curtain call.)

# **CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? Page 1 of 2**

Create your own musical story! Decide WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and HOW. You choose which brainstorm comes first. When you finish, if you like, you can 'tell' your story by putting together all of your ideas – by yourself or with classmates, friends or family!

Sample Story: Aliens Dragon Flying mobile	Imagine your characters. Draw ideas and write about your picture.	
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WHAT	This is your plan or action. Draw ideas and write about your picture.	_
Sample Story:  Aliens appear on the playground, and kids hide them from the teachers.  A dragon lands, the kids tie its legs with jump rope until it falls asleep.  The aliens emerge, help the dragon, and they all leave together in a flying mobile.		<b>\</b> 

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This is your location. Draw ideas and write	e about your picture. WHERE
	Sample Story: Playground
This is the t	ime. Draw ideas and write about your picture.
Sample Story: Present day or future	
In what way will events unfold? Draw ideas and	d write about your picture. <b>HOW</b>
	Sample Story: aliens - designs on tees dragon - an old sheet with head holes for kids playground - chairs, toys flying mobile - a decorated box to look like a spaceship

# GLOSSARY OF WORDS FROM THE MAGIC FLUTE (In order of occurrence and what they mean in the libretto)

1. treacherous	dangerous, not to be trusted	18. intergalactic	between or among galaxies
2. enslave	make a slave	19. interstellar	between or among stars
3. banish	condemn	20. enshrine	cherish or place in a shrine like an idol
4. decree	official order	21. heed	pay careful attention to
5. infernal	hellish	22. mire	swampy mud
6. supernal	heavenly	23. instill	introduce a feeling
7. eternal	without an end	24. cosmos	the universe
8. solitude	being alone, a lonely place	25. flight pattern	path of aircraft
9. foreseen	be aware of something before it happens	26. vested	assigned
10. power field	a magical essence that gives visions to some	27. deceive	mislead on purpose
11. galaxy	star system in space	28. foil	stop, frustrate
12. hark	listen, pay attention to	29. interplanetary	between or among planets
13. mourning	deep sadness or regret	30. covenant	agreement, contract
14. strife	conflict, struggle	31. reign	rule, be in power
15. eccentric	singular, unusual	32. empowered	given power or authority
16. extraterrestrial	outside or beyond the earth or land	33. extinguish	cause to die out; destroy
17. asteroid	a flying rock	34. relinquish	give up, surrender

# THE MAGIC FLUTE WORD SEARCH

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# THE QUEEN OF THE NIGHT



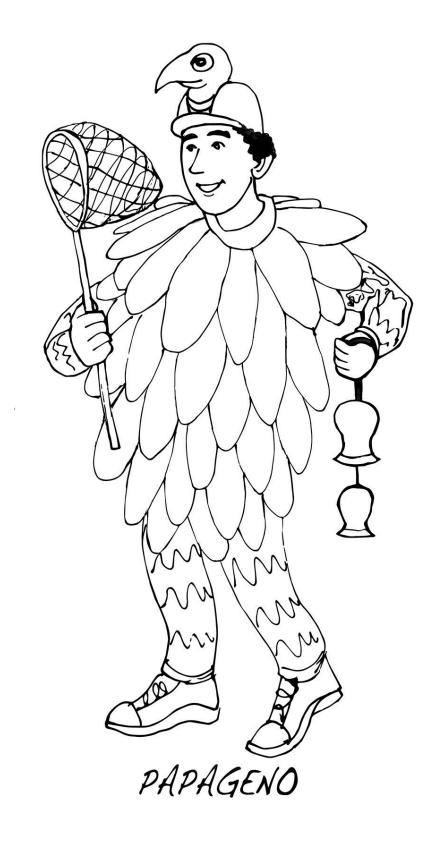
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# **TAMINO**



# **PAPAGENO**



# **THE THREE LADIES**

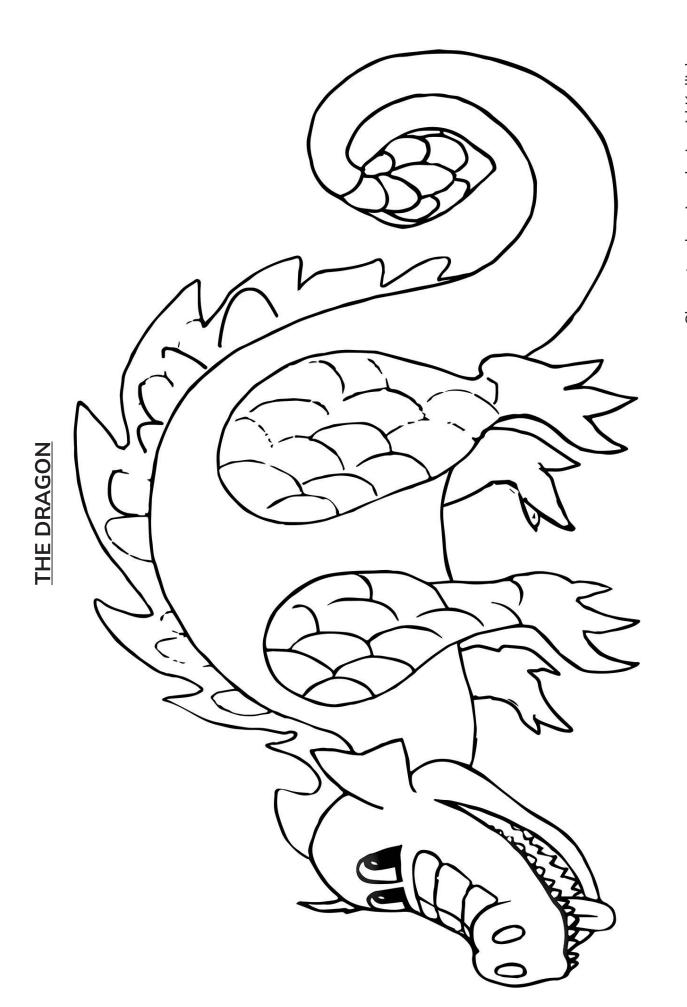


# THE COUNCIL OF MUCDOM



# **SARASTRO**





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# THE DRAGON



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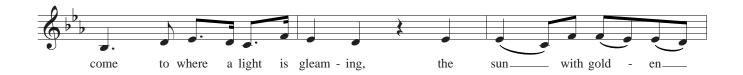
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# Stop and Listen MELODY



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