

A new kind of soap opera

Performers from Salford will be showing off their acting talents as a very special opera takes to the stage.



SOAP (Salford Opera Action Performance) will see a group of local participants teaming up with professional musicians from the Royal Northern College of Music in a new version of Stravinsky's The Wedding.

The performance will take place at Manchester's Contact Theatre on 24 November (8pm) as part of its Future Fires season, and will see the classic work given a unique Salford twist.

It is the culmination of a series of workshops held at North Salford Youth Centre for people who had never previously taken part in opera but love performing.

Katherine Wilde (pictured left), Project Manager of SOAP, said: "Opera so often has a stigma attached to it and the mere mention of it can switch people off.

The Wedding looks at the rituals and traditions surrounding a Russian folk wedding, yet there are so many relevant and important topics that relate to today's world, such as the transitions we make in life and how we as individuals interact with our society."

There is free admission to the show - call 274 0600 to book in advance.

To find out more about SOAP, email katherine.soap@gmail.com or visit www.katherine-wilde.blogspot.com

SOAP is part of Contact Theatre's Future Fires programme which aims to help emerging artists plan and deliver their own community arts projects.

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