

A RECIPE FOR OPERA

JUST LIKE FOOD, THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF ART AND MUSIC. OPERA IS LIKE THE DELUXE PIZZA - WE USE A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING TO MAKE ONE DELICIOUS EXPERIENCE!

A pizza's not pizza without its three main ingredients and neither is opera!

PIZZA	CRUST	<p>the foundation & comes in a variety of types: ← deep dish, thin crust, hand tossed tragic, comic, dramatic → <i>What kind of pizza would a comic opera be?</i> <i>How about a serious opera?</i></p>	MUSIC	OPERA
	SAUCE	<p>the sauce holds the toppings to the crust: The story that is sung -called the <i>libretto</i>- helps the music and the staging make sense!</p>	STORY	
	TOPPINGS	<p>Combinations of toppings are what give a pizza different flavors. In opera, these toppings are arias, ensembles, choruses, and the sets & costumes worn by the artists. It is the combination of all of these toppings that make our opera pizza a deluxe!</p>	THEATRICAL	

LIST OF INGREDIENTS:

Act. A “slice” of the opera. Most operas have 1 to 5 acts, which divide the opera into different days, settings, and scenes of the story.

Aria. (pronounced ah-ree-uh.) A song in an opera that is sung by one person. The words and the music usually express a very strong feeling about something.

Chorus. A piece of music sung by a large group of singers who sing together; the singers are also called a chorus.

Ensemble. A song in an opera that is sung by more than one person: a **duet** is two people; a **trio** is three; and a **quartet** is four.

Libretto. (pronounced li-bret-oh.) Italian for “little book”; the text, or words, of an opera. The libretto helps the music and the imagery make sense, and the music and the images help express the libretto.

Opera. A drama expressed in music, in which the characters sing instead of speaking much of the time or all of the time, and is presented theatrically (with scenery and costumes).

Orchestra. A grouping of musicians who play instruments from all instrument families; the orchestra supplies the music that is sung to.

Scene. The surroundings or location where the theatrical action takes place; also a smaller piece of an act.

Set. Decorations used to tell where the drama takes place.