

# 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!**

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

## 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.