

THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD
BEHIND THE SCENES AND VELVET GLAMOUR AND GILT
AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023



COST PER PERSON £33.50 (Your ticket will entitle you to a 10% discount in the ROH shop and café)
Should anyone wish to do only one of the tours the cost is £16.75 per person. Please specify which tour you will be joining.

The visit will consist of two separate tours: **Behind the Scenes** which will concentrate on the history of the theatre, how productions are staged and see parts of the building which are normally off-limits to the public and **Velvet, Glamour and Gilt** when we will explore the oldest Victorian Auditorium in London which has staged magnificent performances by the Royal Opera, Royal Ballet and the ROH Orchestra.

The Royal Opera was formed as the Covent Garden Opera Company in 1946, but behind it lies a tradition of operatic performance which goes back for more than 260 years at its home in Covent Garden. In each of the three theatres there have been on the site since 1732, opera has played an important role. The present theatre was built in 1858. During World War II it was used as a dance hall but after the war the idea of public subsidy of the arts was accepted and the decision was made to establish the Royal Opera House as the permanent year-round home of the opera and ballet companies now known as The Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet.

1.00pm – Behind the Scenes Tour
2.15pm – Coffee/Tea
3.00pm Tour of the Auditorium (*This tour may not be suitable for anyone who suffers from vertigo*)

Please let me know if you have any problems walking or with steps as I can request a step free route.

GETTING THERE

The 10.53 train from Oxted arrives at Victoria at 11.32, where we can catch the Victoria Line to Green Park and then the Piccadilly line to Covent Garden. Arriving at the ROH about 11.50.

If you decide to make alternative arrangements, please make sure that you are outside the ROH main entrance by 12.45pm and please let me know.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: Please contact visits.limpsfield@theartsociety.org or phone 01 883 713205. Pay by bank transfer to Nat West Bank, Sort Code 60 16 09 Account No. 75668327. Account Name TAS Limpsfield giving the reference “ROH” and your surname. Cheques made payable to TAS Limpsfield should be sent to the Visits Secretary, The Arts Society Limpsfield, 36 Silkhams Road, Oxted RH8 0NY.

Contact number on the day: Seanne Giddy 07780800334