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LIBRARY NEWS

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**Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates
L.A. Opera's Ring Cycle With
Children's Program, "The Rhine's Gold,"
April 22 - June 24**

**Free program is part of "Ring Festival LA" Events, Seminars and
Exhibitions at Southern California Venues**

The Los Angeles Public Library is celebrating the L.A. Opera's first complete presentation of Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle with performances of the children's program "The Rhine's Gold" from April 22 through June 24. Based on Richard Wagner's opera, "Das Rheingold," the production by We Tell Stories features a puppet dwarf, charming costumes transformed from ordinary objects and audience participation in a story complete with gods, giants and mermaids. Programs are free and open to children ages 5 –12 and their families.

The program is based the first of the four operas that comprise Der Ring des Nibelungen (*The Ring of the Nibelung*) and will be held:

- **Thurs., April 22**, 4:15 p.m. at West Los Angeles Regional Branch, 11360 Santa Monica Blvd.
- **Sat., April 24**, 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 630 W. Fifth St.
- **Tues., May 4**, 4 p.m. at Exposition Park – Bethune Regional Branch, 3900 S. Western Ave.
- **Sat., May 15**, 2 p.m. at Mid Valley Regional Branch, 16244 Nordhoff St.,
- **Tues., May 18**, 3:30 p.m. at Pio Pico Koreatown Branch, 694 S. Oxford Ave.
- **Tues. June 1**, 5:30 p.m. at North Hollywood Regional Branch, 5211 Tujunga Ave.
- **Tues., June 8**, 4 p.m. at San Pedro Regional Branch, 931 S. Gaffey St.
- **Thurs., June 24**, 4 p.m. at Arroyo Seco Regional Branch, 6145 N. Figueroa St.

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The Los Angeles Public Library is among more than 75 cultural and educational institutions hosting special programs as part of “Ring Festival LA,” a 10-week citywide fête celebrating the LA Opera’s presentation of Richard Wagner’s epic opera cycle “Der Ring des Nibelungen” (*The Ring of the Nibelung*).

This is the first time that the epic masterwork will be presented in its entirety in Los Angeles. More than a century ago, composer Richard Wagner conceived his epic four-opera cycle *Der Ring des Nibelungen* as a festival event in the city of Bayreuth, Germany. Wagner is considered one of the most important and influential of all composers. Unlike most other opera composers, he wrote both the music and Libretto for all his works.

For more information about Ring Festival LA events, seminars and programs, visit ringfestivalla.com.

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest population of any library in the country through its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, over six million books and other items, state-of-the-art technology, and its Web site (www.lapl.org). These resources and more than 18,000 public programs provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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"The Rhine's Gold"

performed by

We Tell
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Meet gods, dwarves, giants and mermaids in the Wagnerian romp *The Rhine's Gold*. Based on Wagner's opera, *Das Rheingold*, this production by We Tell Stories features a puppet dwarf, charming costumes transformed from ordinary objects, musical experts from opera, and audience participation. For children ages 5 – 12 and their families. FREE!

Library Dates & Times:

Thurs., April 22, 4:15 p.m.
West Los Angeles Regional Branch
11360 Santa Monica Blvd., (310) 575-8323

Sat., April 24, 2 p.m.
Central Library
630 W. Fifth St., (213) 228-7250

Tues., May 4, 4 p.m.,
Exposition Park Regional Branch
3900 S. Western Ave, (323) 290-3113

Sat., May 15, 2 p.m.
Mid Valley Regional Branch
16244 Nordhoff St., (818) 895-3650

Tues., May 18, 3:30 p.m.
Pio Pico Koreatown Branch
694 S. Oxford Ave., (213) 368-7647

Tues., June 1, 5:30 p.m.
North Hollywood Regional Branch
5211 Tujunga Ave., (818) 766-7185

Tues., June 8, 4 p.m.
San Pedro Regional Branch
931 S. Gaffey St., (310) 548-7779

Thurs., June 24, 4 p.m.
Arroyo Seco Regional Branch
6145 N. Figueroa St., (323) 255-0537

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