

# Opera

## What is opera?

Performed on stage  
Mythical stories are used  
Acted on stage with costumes  
Use of arias, recitatives and chorus

Opera comes from the Baroque period although we still see much of it today. In opera everything is sung. This is unusual, as people do not normally sing all the time. Most of the music is lovely songs, but it is difficult to put a conversation or an argument to a beautiful song, so a recitative is the answer! A recitative is singing at conversation speed.

## TASKS:

- 1) Using the following conversation between two people, make up your own recitative.

Teacher: Smith, are you eating in class?

Smith: On no miss, I would never dream of doing such a wicked thing.

Teacher: But what is in your pocket?

Smith: Only a video, miss.

- 2) Think of a well-known song and make up an introduction to it in the form of a recitative.