Buxton Opera House offers young performers a chance of a lifetime.

Ambitions to star in a world famous musical? Then here’s your chance at Buxton Opera House.

Buxton Opera House is throwing the doors open to young performers between the ages of 16 - 29 to take part in this unique opportunity. This production of the hugely popular musical, West Side Story is directed by our very own Executive Director, Paul Kerryson. Fresh from his successful tour of the international hit musical ‘Hairspray’, Paul is setting his directorial sights firmly on the Buxton community. Talking about West Side Story Paul said:

*“I am thrilled to be directing West Side Story at the famous Buxton Opera House. We are looking for talented young people to take part in this new production. If you think you've got what it takes to succeed at the auditions, simply register on line at the Buxton Opera House website. You will need to confidently show off your vocal range with a brief song of your choice. If you succeed at the auditions you will be guaranteed of a most fantastic experience - good luck!”*

We are looking for a dynamic cast to be part of this very special new production of the classic musical West Side Story. Working alongside a professional production team, you will be bringing one of the most famous love stories of all time to life. With thrilling music by Leonard Bernstein and wonderful lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, West Side Story is based on the Shakespearean classic Romeo and Juliet and sees the street gangs of New York clash in this breath taking musical packed with hit songs and high energy dance. The musical is also celebrating its amazing 60th anniversary.

If you would like to audition for any of the roles in West Side Story, please register for auditions on the Buxton Opera House website at: <https://buxtonoperahouse.org.uk/west-side-story-auditions> **by not later than 2 October.** Auditions will be held on **5 October (5-8pm)** and **8 October (1-4pm)**.

West Side Story will be at Buxton Opera House 21-25 February 2018. Check the website for further details of this exciting production.

**Ends**

For more information about events, competition and press tickets, contact Helen Naylor, email: [hnaylor@boh.org.uk](mailto:hnaylor@boh.org.uk) or Tel: 01298 72050