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Big screen opera comes to the Royal Victoria Dock

In celebration of the first anniversary of the opening this September, the Crystal is proud to host the *Siemens Festival Nights*, an outdoor opera festival taking place between 30th August and 1st September on the dockside area in front of the Crystal. Presenting brand new opera productions from the world renowned Salzburg Festival.

Audiences will have the opportunity to see some of the most popular operatic masterpieces from Giuseppe Verdi and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Falstaff, La Traviata, Don Carlo and The Magic Flute, shown on a large screen at the Crystal, adding a musical touch to the Royal Victoria Dock this summer.

The Siemens Festival Nights will be a unique opera experience for everyone. Marking the anniversary of the opening of the Crystal, a Sustainable Cities Initiative by Siemens, which houses the world's largest exhibition dedicated to the future of cities, which attracted more than 85,000 since it opened last September. The uniquely shaped, glass-clad structure is one of the most sustainable buildings in the world.

The festival will begin in the evening of Friday, 30 August, with the first showing of the Salzburg Festival beginning at 7pm.

Highlights at a glance:

Friday, August 30

- Evening screening (7 p.m. / Falstaff)

Saturday, August 31

- Public picnic with La Traviata as background opera (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
- Evening screening (4 p.m. / Don Carlo)

Sunday, September 1

- Matinee screening for kids (11 a.m. / The Magic Flute)

Special attractions for families will be offered during the morning events on Saturday and Sunday. These include bean bag throwing into an opera singer's mouth, creating opera masks and a photo opportunity for kids with a life-sized opera scene cut out.

For more information on the tickets and programme, please visit:

www.thecrystal.org/events/. Tickets will be available for a registration fee of £5 in advance via the registration website. Guests will be able to decide onsite whether to get the £5 back as a food and drink voucher or to donate it to charity. The chosen charity is The Newham People's Trust which provides grants to individuals in support of educational pursuits.

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Notes to editors:

Renowned as the largest and most important event of its kind in the world, the Salzburg Festival enjoys an excellent fit with Siemens. Siemens has supported the Salzburg Festival since 1995 and became a Main Sponsor four years

later. Shortly afterwards, the Siemens Festival Nights were founded by Siemens Austria in collaboration with the Salzburg Festival and the Austrian Broadcasting Company (ORF Salzburg) with the aim of utilizing modern technologies to make art and culture accessible to a wider audience. Siemens has long been a loyal supporter of the Salzburg Festival with the Siemens Festival Nights in Salzburg's historic centre, and celebrated the Festival's tenth anniversary in 2011.

Newham People's Trust (Registered Charity No. 208350)

The Newham People's Trust provides grants to individuals in support of educational pursuits. The Trustees may consider providing assistance to children and young people (up to 25 years old)

- Who are in need of financial assistance to improve or further their academic achievements;
- Who are recognised as gifted and talented, and wish to pursue development of this talent through avenues that are not provided for by other providers;
- Who require financial or other assistance to gain entry into a profession, trade or calling.

The Trustees meet four times a year to consider grant applications. The decision to grant a request for assistance from the Trust and the amount agreed is at the discretion of the Trustees. Residents of Newham may apply, or a third party (for example a council officer, teacher, social worker or community support worker) may apply on behalf of the resident for a grant. Charities which are registered in the London Borough of Newham may also apply on behalf of residents of Newham.