

The Tale o' Tam o' Shanter

Before you start

Planning for the project

There are **three different groups** involved in the learning activities as well as in the preparation for the show. If this involves different classes or schools, you'll no doubt want to get together to do your planning.

In most cases, three different classes in the school can participate, with each class taking on the role of one of the groups. If your school is part of a co-operative, your pupils might be taking on just one of the groups (while your partner schools take on the others). If this is the case, it's important that everyone is clear about which school or class is learning which role(s).

The Tavern Crew (Primary 5)

Song 1 – Beware

Song 2 – The Terrible Tavern sung along with the character Tam o' Shanter

Song 5 – The Chase

The Stormy Crew (Primary 6)

Song 1 – Beware

Song 3 – The Scary Storm sung along with the character Tam o' Shanter

Song 5 – The Chase

The Witches Crew (Primary 7)

Song 1 – Beware

Song 4 – Witches Brew sung along with the character Nannie

Song 5 – The Chase

Characters played by Scottish Opera cast :

- Robert Burns
- Tam o' Shanter
- Kate (Tam's wife)
- Nannie (the witch)



And finally...

- All three groups will come together with the Scottish Opera music specialist for a music rehearsal.
- Around two weeks later, the teams from Scottish Opera will spend the day with your pupils rehearsing and finally performing *The Tale o' Tam o' Shanter* to an audience of friends and family.

EXAMPLE FORMAT FOR THE PERFORMANCE DAY

10-10.45am	All three groups work together in the hall
10.45-11am	Break
11am-12pm	Children split into three groups working with tutors: two in classrooms and third group remaining in hall
12-1pm	Lunch
1-1.15pm	Children get changed into PE kit and are costumed for the performance
1.15-1.30pm	Warm-up and focus
1.30-2pm	Dress rehearsal
2-2.15pm	Break
2.15-2.45pm	Performance
2.45-3pm	Out of costume/hall cleared