

Naomi's Road

The Canadian War Museum brings the Vancouver Opera production of *Naomi's Road* to Ottawa for an exclusive engagement! This professional opera for young people is based on the novel by Canadian author Joy Kogawa.

Ontario Teachers! Grades 4 to Grade 12

Quebec Teachers! Cycle 2 (Year 2) to Secondary 5

Naomi's Road tells the touching and dramatic story of a nine-year-old Japanese-Canadian girl during the Second World War who discovers her own resilience as she confronts the harshness of forced relocation. In this sensitive, visually evocative production filled with emotion, humour and soaring melodies, Naomi and her older brother Stephen struggle with the harshness of war, racism, bullying, and loss of family. Ultimately, brother and sister triumph over their fears and discover the gifts that sustain them: music, words and love. This moving theatrical experience uses the power of music and literature to introduce your students to this period in Canadian history.

Curriculum Connections:

Ontario: Language; The Arts; Social Studies; History

Quebec: English; Arts Education; Social, History and Citizenship Education; Moral Education

| Dates: | Start Times: | Duration: | Cost: | Location: |
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| November 1-10, 2006 | 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. | 60 minutes | \$10.00 per student | Barney Danson Theatre |

Your class package for *Naomi's Road* includes: a 15-minute pre-performance orientation program, the 45-minute opera, admission to the Canadian War Museum, and an in-class education kit with listening program. **Be sure to reserve early, as this program is certain to sell out quickly!**

Composed by Ramona Luengen. Libretto by Ann Hodges. Based on Joy Kogawa's novel *Naomi's Road*, by permission of the author. Commissioned by the Vancouver Opera for Vancouver Opera in the Schools.

