

Ada and the Code Crusaders An opera for Key Stage Two audiences

Crusaders assemble!

Mathematical superhero troupe, the Code Crusaders, are in desperate need of a new member. They travel through space and time and land in Victorian England and arrive at twelve year old Ada Lovelace's house. But this can't be right - Ada is just a little girl. Can this child really be a revolutionary mathematician?

Exploring the life, work and legacy of the world's first computer programmer Ada Lovelace, Ada and the Code Crusaders is a fun-filled, adventure-fuelled, participatory opera that brings out the scientist in us all.

Ada and the Code Crusaders is written and composed by Anna Pool, directed by Nel Crouch and designed by Ella Barraclough. It will tour schools, libraries and theatres from March - May 2026.

Information about the performance

- This show is created for children aged 7-11 (Key Stage 2)
- Each performance has a maximum audience capacity of 200 young people. If you
 require a larger audience, please consider booking two performances
- The performances feature 7 performers, including singers and instrumentalists, an ingenious set, interactive songs, and active participation
- Minimum playing space: 7m wide by 4m deep
- Performance length: 45 minutes
- Get in time required: 90 minutes
- Get out time required: 60 minutes
- The team all have Enhanced DBS certificates or are on the update system
- Parking is required for 1 short wheelbase van

Resources

We provide the following resources:

- Learning videos for the participatory songs, to be learnt prior to the performance so the students can sing-a-long during the show
- A teacher's pack made up of 5x lesson plans and 3x mini-music plans
- 3 x social stories, exploring what an opera is, what happens when the opera comes to your school and the story of *Ada and the Code Crusaders*

Cost

We operate a sliding scale of payment, based on pupil premium percentages in schools. Here is the breakdown of costs:

- £325 plus VAT 0-25% Pupil Premium
- £250 plus VAT 26-50% Pupil Premium
- £175 plus VAT 51-75% Pupil Premium
- £100 plus VAT 76-100% Pupil Premium

