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*CARAP/FREPA: A new way of learning through languages*

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# A Framework of Reference for Pluralistic Approaches to Languages and Cultures



- *ECLM Mandate – European Context*
- *Planning with pluri-approaches*
- *FREPA : Glossary and terminology*
- *Association Global and Specific Objectives*
- *Adaptation of existing material: select, adapt, create*
- *Evaluation tools – FREPA, Common European Framework*
- *Ideas for more cultural integration*



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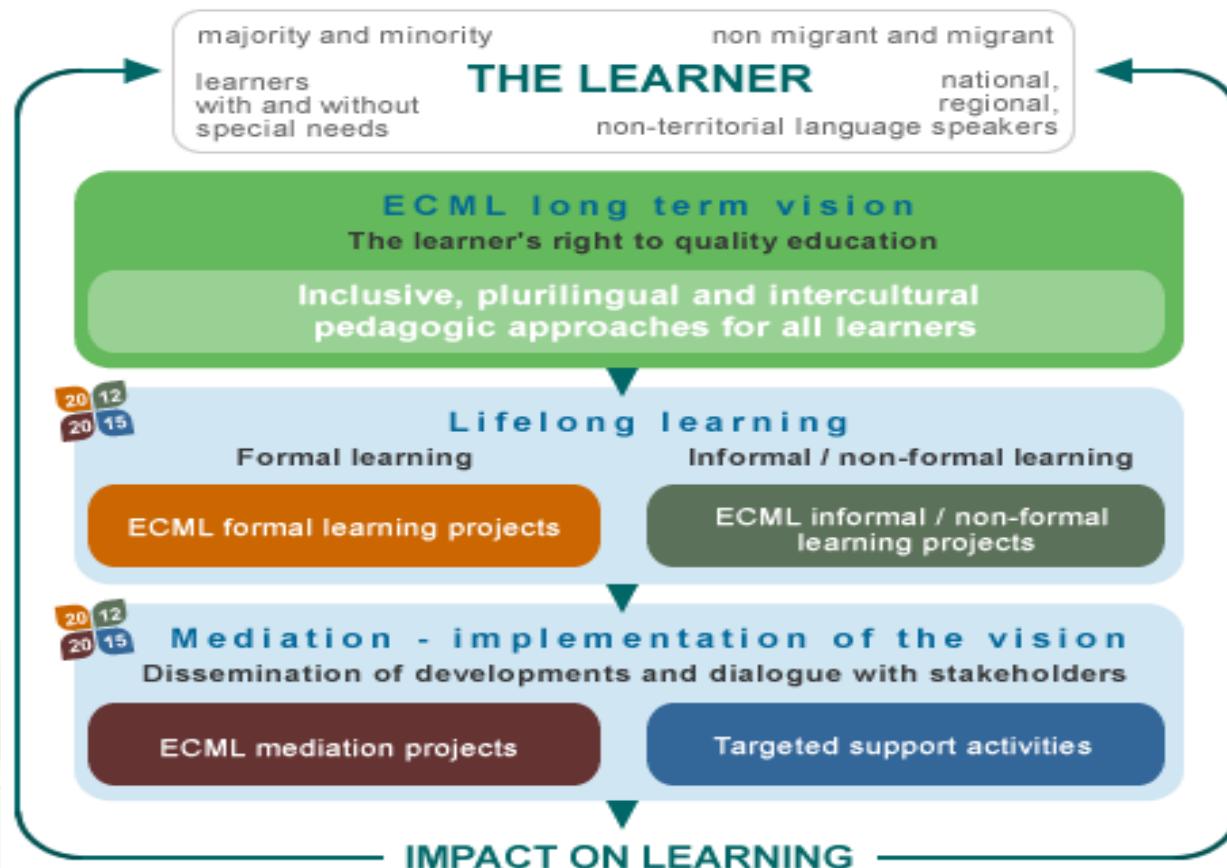
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## Quick overview ECLM

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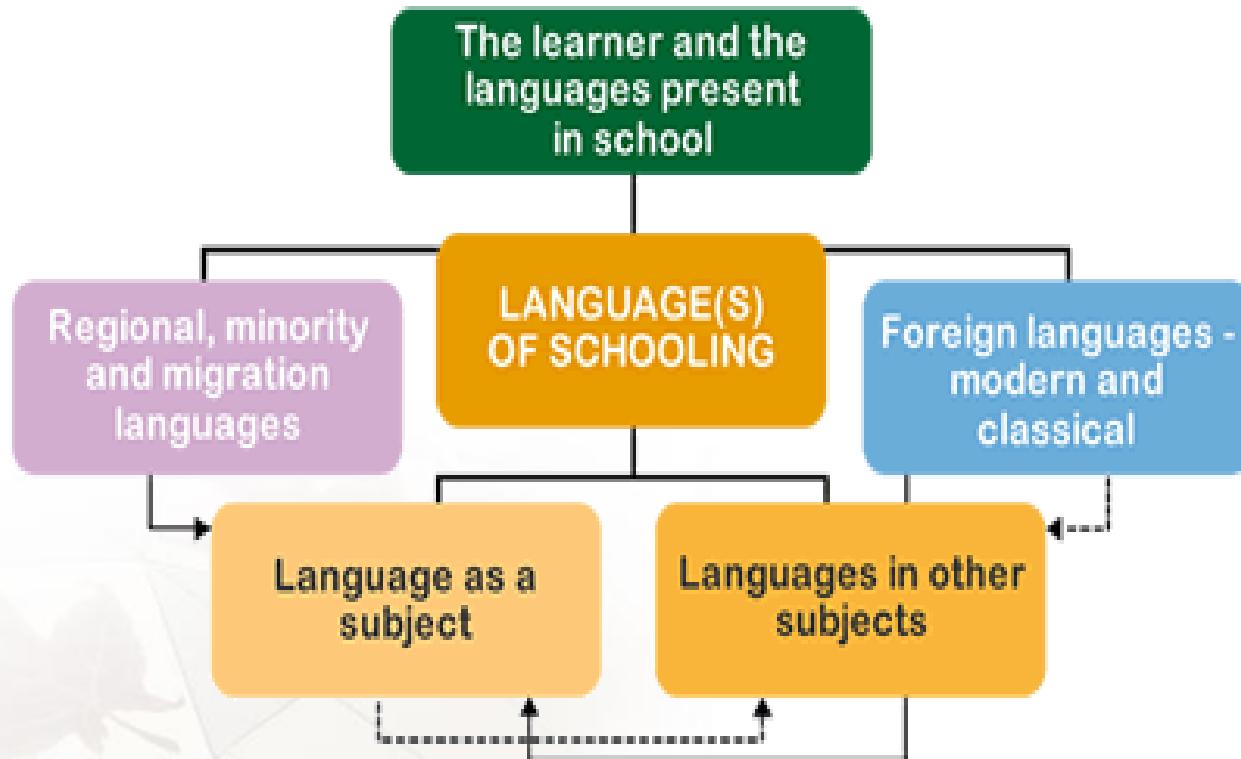
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## Quick overview ECLM – Pluralistic approaches



The term "pluralistic approaches to languages and cultures" refers to didactic approaches which use teaching / learning activities involving several (i.e. more than one) varieties of languages or cultures.

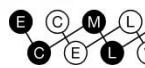
This is to be contrasted with approaches which could be called "singular" in which the didactic approach takes account of only one language or a particular culture, considered in isolation. Singular approaches of this kind were particularly valued when structural and later "communicative" methods were developed and all translation and all resort to the first language was banished from the teaching process.

FREPA is based on four pluralistic approaches



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# *Pluralistic approaches*



*Awakening to languages*

*Intercomprehension between related languages*

*Intercultural approach*

*Integrated didactic approach to different languages studied*



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*What does FREPA mean for Canada?*



- *Connection with reality of the classroom where many cultures are more and more in contact*
- *Connection with IL Program in particular where language is no longer to be seen as a one element to learn but as an ensemble of cultural contexts*
- *Platform for developing curriculum activities that foster identity, sharing and appreciation of the culture of the other*
- *Theory of competences and ressources linked with overall objectives and specific objectives of IL Curriculum*



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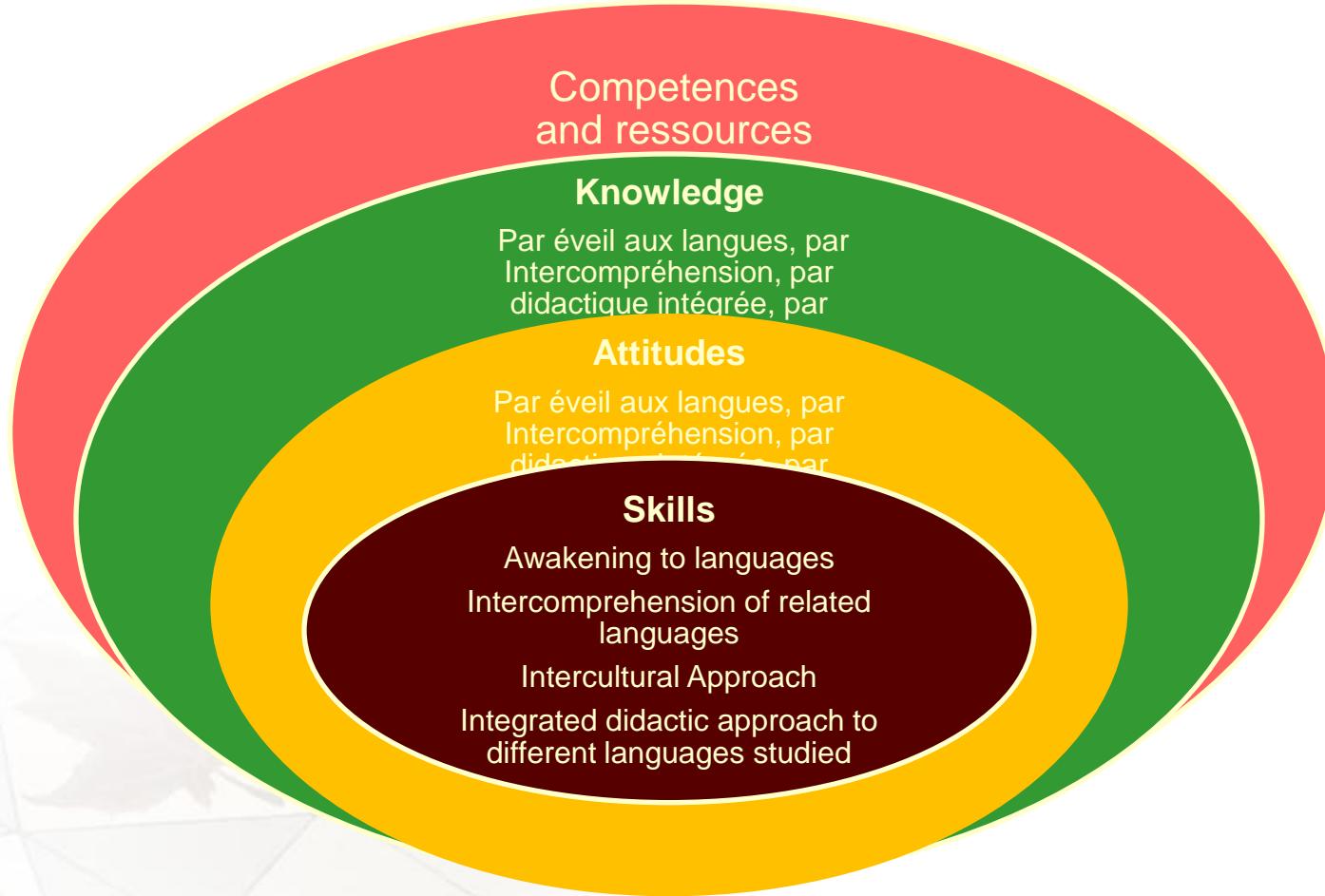
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# FREPA Glossary and terminology



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# FREPA Competences



- *The competence to manage linguistic and cultural communication within a context of otherness*
- *The competence of constructing and developing a pluralistic repertoire of languages and cultures*



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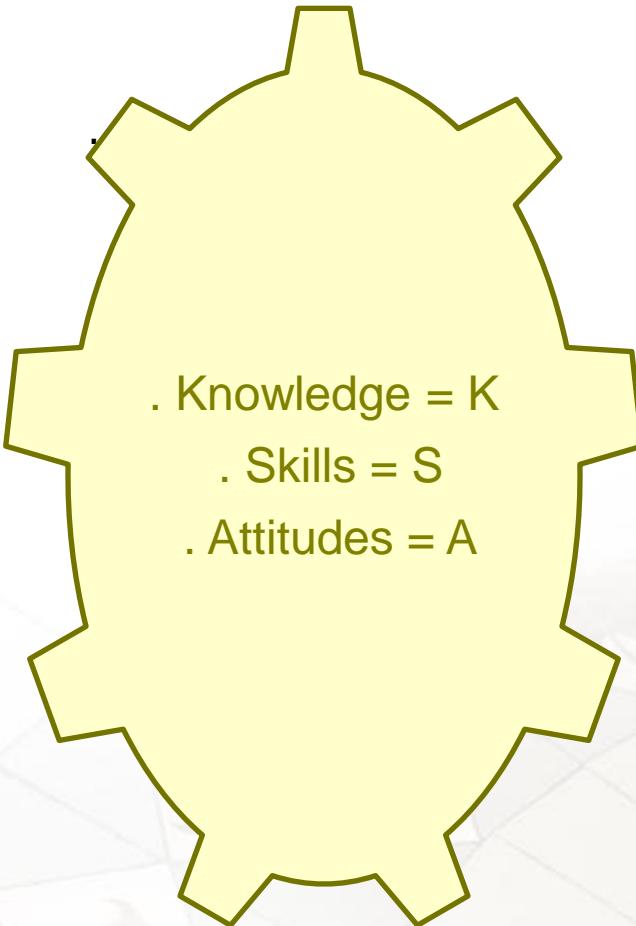


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# Ressources



## Descriptors for « Culture »

- **K.** *Knowking that each culture determines / organizes , at least partially, the perception / a vision of the world, a way of thinking the world/ a way of thinking of the community*
- **K.** *Knowking that we can use similarities between languages (structure, discourse, pragmatics) to learn languages*
- **S.** *Being able to formulate hypotheses in order to analyse linguistics or cultural unfamiliar situations*
- **S.** *Being able to compare diffent discourses used or available in own mother tongue with the ones of other languages*
- **A.** *Being able to develop sensitivity to linguistic or cultural differences*
- **A.** *Being open (and fight personal resistances) toward what seem to be incomprehensible or different*



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# Planning

- More than a single lesson – Idea of competence
- Plan a school « matinée» or a MET production
- Plan an excursion (Concert Hall, specialized school – drama – music – musical or opera)
- Invite arts specialists, with school programs some free) Mississauga choral society

## Global and specific objectives



- Culture
- Music/Drama
- Humanities
- Literature

## Possible organisation ...

- Selection of a theme - synopsis
- Selection of one or more sources of documentation written or audio
- Identification of possible tasks
- Transition between the tasks
- Stimulation: students' imagination
- Development of related themes

*The competence to manage linguistic and cultural communication within a context of otherness*



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# Preparation

- Posters
- CD – DVD or access to WiFi
- Opera Synopsis
- Calendar of artistic events
- Planning unit for cultural integration
- Any possible additional ressources  
(web/paper/person) \* not to forget Long Play Disks usually with multilingual libretti
- Evaluation grids... what are we going to measure

# Objectives

- Global and traditional language objectives:
  - Develop oral and written abilities (comprehension and production)
- Specific objectives (possibilities):
  - Identification of time-space elements
  - Sub-themes recognition
  - Ability of linking plot /story to a larger context
  - Identification of language conventions of particular context
  - Ability to formulate coherent responses
  - Overall ability to discover « culture » via different means

# Largo Al Factotum



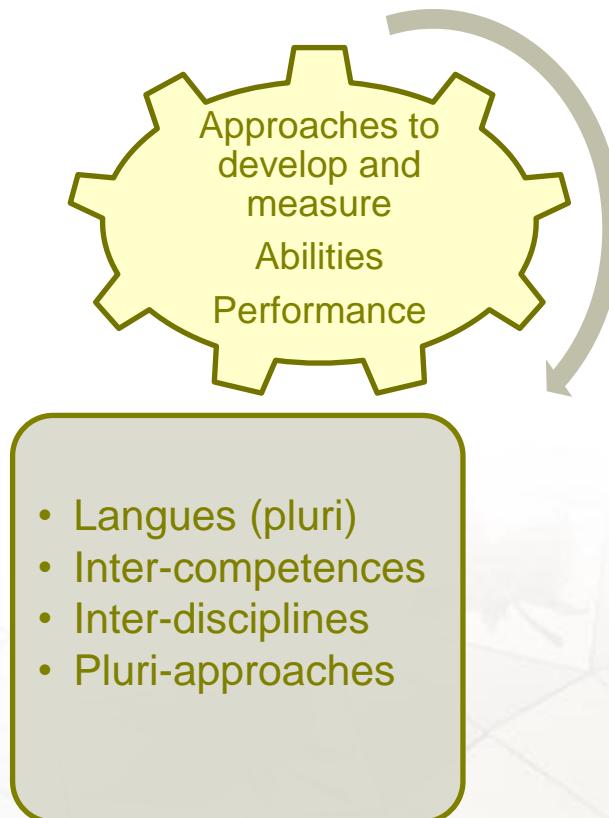
# Activity of contextualisation

15 minutes

- Use of an Opera excerpt
- Identification emerging themes
- Vocabulary recognition
- Anticipation of possible content

Mot masculin	Mot féminin	Congénère

## Expansion activities



# • Transfert of knowledge

15 minutes



- Transfert of sociolinguistic knowledge
- Linguistic mapping
- Analysis of various levels of languages, speech and voices
- Links between images, messages and meaning (both verbal and non verbal)



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# Brainstorming

15 minutes

- Identification of four themes associated with play, opera, musical, drama titles/plots
- Oral justification of the choice (comparision of choices made by other students)

Amour

Beauté

Commerce

Secret

Audio – Video - Text

# *La calunnia è un venticello*

« The power of music»

Listen to this « aria » from Barbiere...

What do you imagine listening...

How could you visually represent what you are listening to? What are your feelings when you listen?

# Consolidation activity

(Social and cognitive strategies)

15 minutes

- Posters and music: word, content analysis
- Discussion and transfer:
  - Question : Do you know any « factotum »?
  - Question: What would be the best poster for an Opera?
- Use of connecting words
- Use of particular grammar, syntax, discourse

# Reading activities

(Metacognitive strategies – Skimming)

10 minutes

- Research and consultation of written documents  
Opera houses around the world web sites
- Thematic vocabulary as a pre-selection: What does mean the word...
  - Synopsis
  - Opéra bouffe/Opérette
    - Opéra sérieux...
  - Chinese Opera : Jingxi
    - Musical

# Reading activities

(Metacognitive strategies – Scanning - Focus on form)

20 minutes

- Generate a list of speech acts or possible dialogues
- Looking for:
  - Plots
  - Descriptive elements
  - Argument
  - Translation into artistic variations

# Comprehension activities

(Cognitive strategies – Organization – Grammar - Discourse)

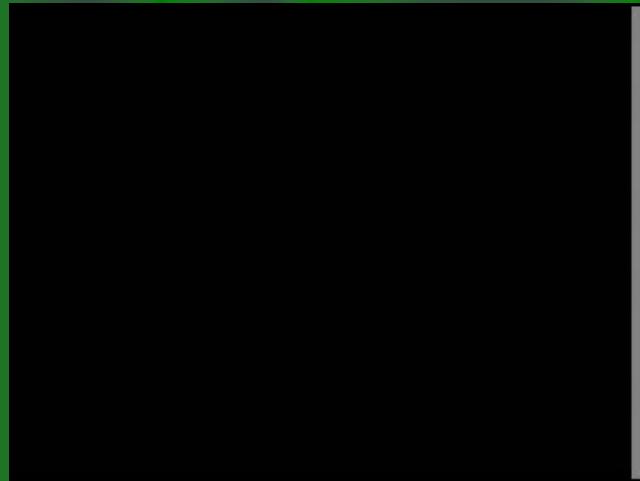
40 minutes

- True/False history/plot statements to choose
- Reordering of the « true » events
- Within these history/plot statements, find structures, grammar, vocabulary, expressions

# Evaluation tools

- Your own curriculum, with regards to
  - Communication
  - Comprehension and Knowledge
  - Thinking, searching, organizing
  - Identifying the type of speech
- CER – CEFR Common European Framework of Reference (Council of Europe- ECML)
  - Global scale
  - Self-assessment/
  - Specific evaluation grids

# Behind the scene – Ansaldo Teatro Alla Scala/at the MET/Others



# Learning outcomes

Ideas for more tasks (within the competence)

- Be the « Shows newspaper critics »
- Elaborate publicity messages/ promotion campaign advertising
- Create new posters
- Imagine new scripts (based on same themes)
- Reconstruct a time line (On the history of Opera, on duration of Opera, on calendar of world productions live or HD)
- Who does what at the opera or in the opera?
- Elaborate a glossary of the 100 most important words of opera

Une présentation 2012 de la Troupe d'Opéra de l'Université d'Ottawa / A 2012 uOttawa Opera Company production

Wolfgang Amadeus

# Mozart Don Giovanni

Sandra Graham

Direction musicale et mise en scène /  
Music and stage director

avec / with

L'Orchestre de chambre de  
l'Université d'Ottawa /  
The uOttawa Chamber Orchestra

Rennie Regehr, chef / conductor

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10 \$, 5 \$ (étudiants) / \$10, \$5 (students)

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## 4 Réprésentations

Jeudi	26 janvier	19 h
Vendredi	27 janvier	19 h
Samedi	28 janvier	19 h
Dimanche	29 janvier	14 h

## 4 Performances

Thursday	January 26	7 p.m.
Friday	January 27	7 p.m.
Saturday	January 28	7 p.m.
Sunday	January 29	2 p.m.

## Auditorium des anciens

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## Alumni Auditorium

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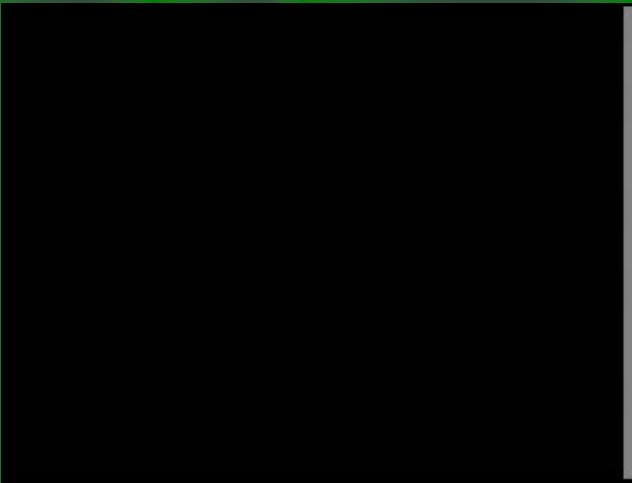
Guide pédagogique du Théâtre de Lille  
(capitale européenne de la culture en 2004)

[http://www.opera-lille.fr/fichier/o\\_media/9225/media\\_fichier\\_fr\\_dp.la.traviata.pdf](http://www.opera-lille.fr/fichier/o_media/9225/media_fichier_fr_dp.la.traviata.pdf)

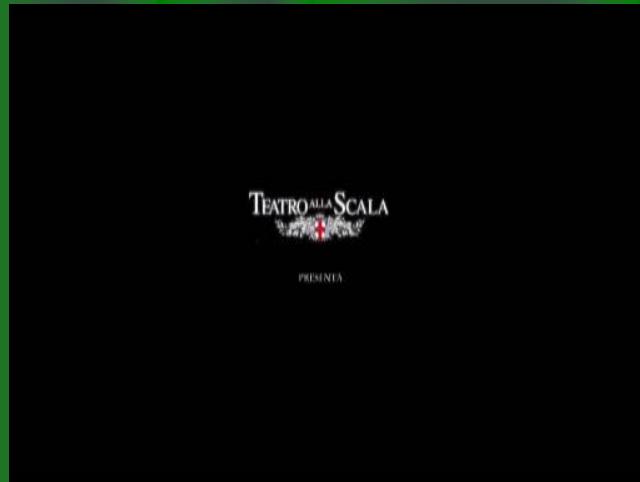
Pour y trouver:

- Chronologie de la création de la Traviata (avec détails sur le texte original d'Alexandre Dumas)
- Synopsis et argument
- Libretto de Francesco Maria Piave
- Une discographie et une vidéographie de différentes versions (en direct, film)
- Interprètes – Les différents genres de voix
- Le « qui fait quoi à l'Opéra »
- Vocabulaire de la scène, du bâtiment, de la musique

# Teatro Alla Scala or MET who, how, when, why, what Differences and similarities

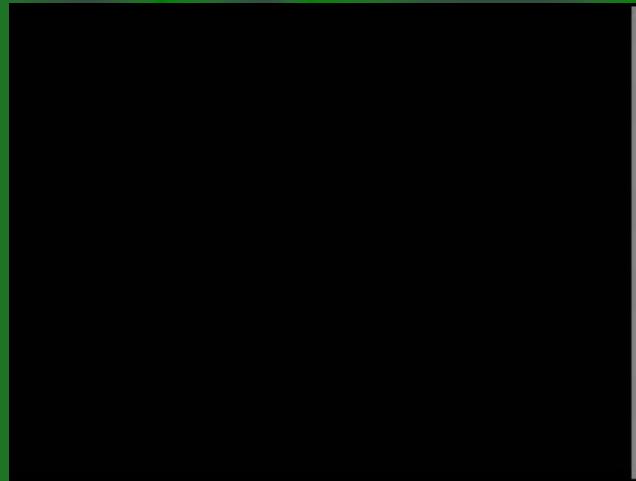


# Reheasal Hall - Interviews



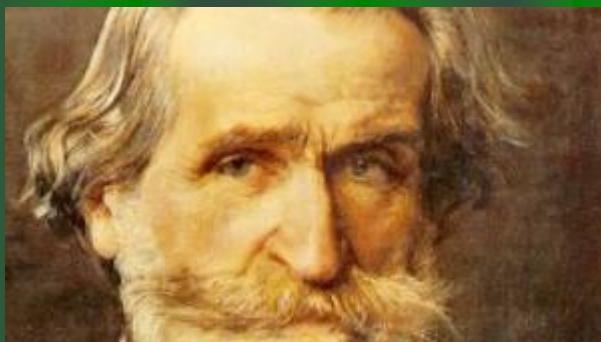
# Teatres and artistic concert halls around the world

History, Culture, Structure, Importance



# 1813 - 2013 (Birth Bicentennial)

## Giuseppe Verdi



## History ...

Viva V.E.R.D.I =

Viva Vittorio Emmanuele Re  
d'Italia

...Va pensiero...exodes,  
Today...

# From Opera to:

Movies

Visual arts

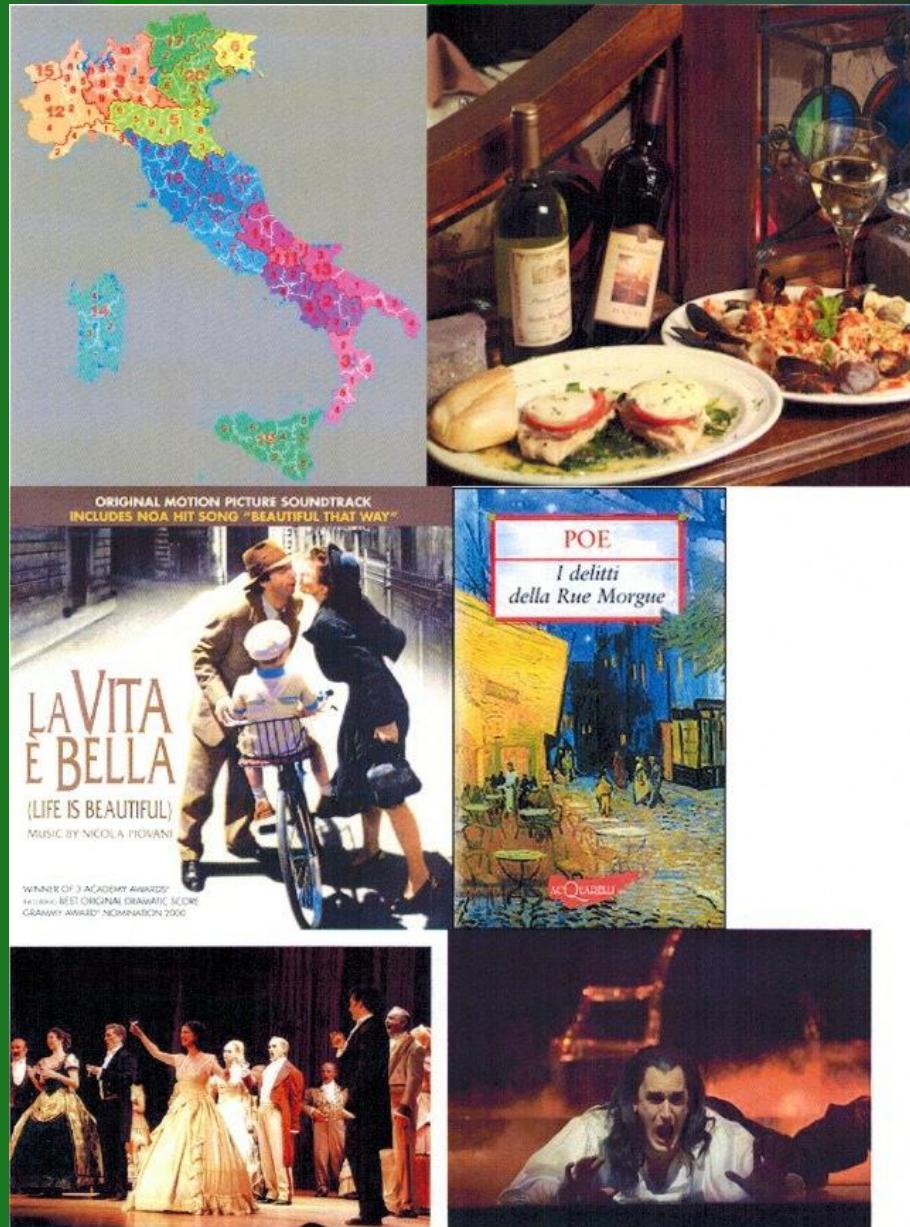
Literature

Drama

Musicals

Circus

... Reality?



**Cultural Class Travels with  
opera : from Italy to Japan  
(Puccini), Madama Butterfly/  
to France (Berlioz, Offenbach)  
to Germany and IL classes in  
Canada...**

Analyses of :

Fashion, Tradition, Casting, Decors

Historical anniversaries/  
Commemoration of events

Comparing use of terminology in  
music and in dictionaries  
(Barcarolle – s -)



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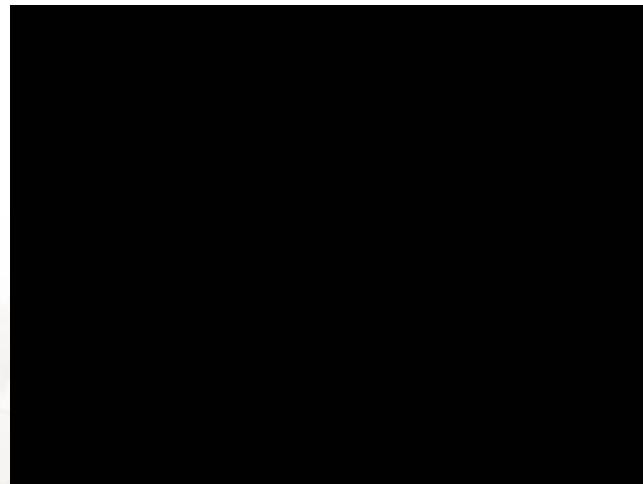
# Clichés

Determining  
which approach  
would best  
explain a  
picture



# From Opera to other interpretations:

King Singers – and more Rossini – Waht is on Youtube?



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# From Opera with FREPA to other topics: Citizenships and solidarity



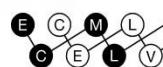
And you? What is your culture, your citizenship?

Ideas for further discussion from:

Irene Selbmann. "E tu, di che cittadinanza sei?". IN : Dimensioni nuove, il mondo visto dai giovani. Febbraio 2013, p.30-32 [www.dimensioni.org](http://www.dimensioni.org)



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# And you...

What nationality are you? It does not matter... we work in team



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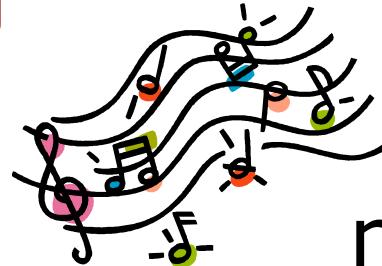


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**Thank you for listening**



merci,  
grazie,

thank you,  
danke...



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# Reinvestissement

with FREPA/CARAP



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- <http://carap.ecml.at/Components/tabid/2668/language/fr-FR/Default.aspx>
- <http://carap.ecml.at/CARAP/Descriptors/Knowledge/tabid/2407/language/fr-FR/Default.aspx>
- <http://www.ecml.at/>
- <http://edl.ecml.at/Home/tabid/1455/language/fr-FR/Default.aspx>  
Journée européenne des langues
- <http://edl.ecml.at/LanguageFun/tabid/1516/language/fr-FR/Default.aspx>
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## Additional ressources



- Opera Lyra Ottawa, Canada <http://www.operalyra.ca/learn/study-guides.php>
- Opéra National de Paris - <http://www.operadeparis.fr/actualites/En-video-Les-Artisans-de-la-magie>
- Metropolitan Opera Theatre (MET) <http://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/history/stories/synopsis>
- L'Opéra de Lille (voir programmation de mai – Le Barbier de Séville) et le théâtre de [http://www.opera-lille.fr/fichier/o\\_media/9225/media\\_fichier\\_fr\\_dp.la.traviata.pdf](http://www.opera-lille.fr/fichier/o_media/9225/media_fichier_fr_dp.la.traviata.pdf)
- Canadian Opera Company - <http://www.coc.ca/Home.aspx?gclid=CMO23tGKhq8CFYIQNAodkID09w>
- Chinese Opera Group in Toronto - <http://www.chineseoperagroupontario.ca/>
- Mississauga Choral Society – Education Young Listeners Program:  
MCS brings non-ticketed live performances to Peel schools - [http://www.mcs-on.ca/Arts\\_Education.html](http://www.mcs-on.ca/Arts_Education.html)
- Opéra de Montréal (mission, éducation, vidéo) - <http://www.operademontreal.com/fr/educations/mission.html>
- Opéra de Montréal – soirée pour combattre la pauvreté - [http://www.operademontreal.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/CommuniquéOpéra\\_soirée-20-mars-2012\\_rev17janv.pdf](http://www.operademontreal.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/CommuniquéOpéra_soirée-20-mars-2012_rev17janv.pdf)
- Opera Milano, Teatro alla Scala – Italy - [http://www.teatroatlasscala.org/it/stagione/opera-balletto/2011-2012/nozze-figaro\\_cnt\\_21768.html](http://www.teatroatlasscala.org/it/stagione/opera-balletto/2011-2012/nozze-figaro_cnt_21768.html)



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