

What is Creative Tableaux?

Creative Tableaux ("CT") is a free, flexible educational program that **places young people and emerging creatives at the center of opera-making**. Open to students of all backgrounds, CT offers **workshops and hands-on training** in performance, design, and stagecraft alongside mentorship from leading professionals, **connecting opera to visual arts, design, and storytelling**, and **nurturing access** for both artists and audiences. Each season, we provide free public-facing **performances**, distribute hundreds of **tickets** to schools, and offer collaborative opportunities that **build confidence, skills, and community**. Our goal is not only to promote opera as an art form, but also to **empower the next generation** of performers, designers, and cultural leaders.



Part One: The Warm-Up

We center participants within the **creative process of an opera**: how an opera is commissioned and written, how we create the **visual elements** (sets, costumes, lighting) of a production, etc., focusing on **color-blocking, design decisions, and storytelling**. The duration, focus, and structure of the sessions are **tailored to the needs of the participants**.

A sample structure could consist of...

1. Introduction to Opera & Opera Production
2. Creative Workshops
3. Group Activities
4. Wrap-up and Reflection
5. Work-based Learning Internships



Part Two: All Elements Come Together!

Our participants are invited to **attend full-scale opera performances** for free at our partnering theaters, giving them the opportunity to **experience in person** everything they learned during the program. Students who participated in **internships** have the chance to create or perform in close collaboration with opera professionals.

Who is Teatro Grattacielo? We are a New York City-based **opera company** that promotes the rich tradition of opera by **revitalizing lesser-known works, commissioning new operas, and supporting emerging artists**. Dedicated to **making opera accessible** to every corner of New York City, Teatro Grattacielo **connects with communities of all cultural, social, and economic experiences**, contributing to the **sustainability of the art form**.

Interested? We'd love to meet you! Learn more at
grattacielo.org/programs, or email hilarybaboukis@grattacielo.org.

