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High School Italian Club Experiences Opening Night of Rigoletto

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This past January, Garden City High School's Italian Club had the once-in-a-lifetime experience of seeing the opening night performance of *Rigoletto* by Giuseppe Verdi at the Metropolitan Opera House. The production displayed the performers' powerful voices and acting abilities. Although enjoyed by all grade levels, the performance resonated with the College Italian students who learned about the opera's themes, the aria as a musical art form, the composer, and the historical period of *Rigoletto*. As a College Italian student, experiencing what we learned and listened during class in a live, cultural atmosphere, such as the Met, was unforgettable. Seeing the striking performance of *Rigoletto* has opened the door to opera for my fellow classmates and me!!