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Illinois State University  
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# Opera Practicum

presents

Amahl and the Night Visitors

and

The Impresario

Operas in One Act

Center for the Performing Arts

November 7 & 8, 2003

Friday and Saturday Evenings

8:00 p.m.

This is the forty-sixth program of the 2003-2004 season.

## Program

### *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, an Opera in One Act

Words and music by Giancarlo Menotti

Christopher Hollingsworth, Director

Dennis M. Tobenski, Conductor

### Cast

November 7, 2003

Amahl – Marisa De Silva

Mother – Deanne Perozzi

Kaspar – Christopher Faye

Melchior – Peter Schwartz

Balthazar – Mark Waggoner

The Page – Tracy Hoogstra

### Covers

Mother – Tracy Hoogstra

The Page – Geoffrey Arndt

### *Shepherd's Chorus*

Geoffrey Arndt

Andrew Edgar

Andrew Fisher

Lauren Gibson

Michael Hadady

Ashley Hotz

Rebecca Johnson

Brandon Luparell

Wendy Moss

Ashley Smith

Lindsey Suedkamp

Amanda Tunstall

### *Costume/Make-up Design*

Cassidy Browning

Scott Ammann

### *Set Design*

Peter Schwartz

### *Lighting Design*

Stephanette Smith

### *Art Design*

Robin Arata

November 8, 2003

Amahl – Marisa De Silva

Mother – Tamara Tranowski

Kaspar – Christopher Faye

Melchior – Peter Schwartz

Balthazar – Mark Waggoner

The Page – Tracy Hoogstra

### *Peasant Dancers*

Sarah Genta

Scott Ammann

### *Special Thanks*

Dr. James Major

Kelly Grounds

Julie Mack

Pam Miller

Carl Thacker

Mona Rains

Susan Owens

Roy Owens

## The Impresario by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Libretto

Stephanie the Younger

English Adaptation

Giovanni Cardelli

### Cast

Mr. Scruples, an opera Impresario (manager)

Andrew Edgar (Nov. 7 & 8)

Miss Bluffie, his assistant

Meredith Owens (Nov. 7 & 8)

Mr. Angel, an elderly stage-struck financier

Andrew Fisher (Nov. 7 & 8)

Madame Goldentrill, an aging opera diva

Ashley Smith (Nov. 7)

Wendy Moss (Nov. 8)

Miss Silverpeal, an aspiring opera star

Rebecca Johnson (Friday, Nov. 7)

Lindsay Suedkamp (Saturday, Nov. 8)

Accompanist

Kristof Kovacs

Director

J. Michelle Vought

Setting: Mr. Scruples' Chicago office, present day

### Program Notes:

Mozart composed this little "Singspiel" in 1786, its first performance given in the Orangerie at the Schonbrunn Palace outside of Vienna during an entertainment given by Emperor Joseph II for the Governor General of the Netherlands. Mozart's spirited jest at the problems of an opera manager's life shared the billing with a satire on Italian opera by the composer's contemporary, Antonio Salieri.

In the cast of the premiere were Stephanie the Younger as the Impresario; Joseph Lange, Mozart's brother-in-law and portraitist, as Bluff; Mozart's sister-in-law, Aloysia Lange, as Madame Goldentrill; and the celebrated Catarina Cavalieri, who created the role of Constanza in Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio*, as Miss Silverpeal.

The admittedly weak and sprawling libretto has been the object of repeated revisions designed to strengthen the fragile framework on which the incomparable Mozart hung such gems as the Overture, the disputatious Trio and the delightful Finale.

In the present version, the original cast of ten, six of whom never sing, has been reduced to five, thus eliminating the lengthy and irrelevant dramatic auditions which have no connection with the music. This has also led to a material reduction in the length of the purely spoken material.

The mock pathos of the two soprano arias has been retained, together with their tongue-in-cheek solemnity, so deftly reminiscent of the same composer's tragic heroines. The acrimonious pyrotechnics in which the two prima donnas strive for top billing is paraphrased from the original, and the lofty note sounded in the finale has been underlined by what appears a logical denouement to the scrupulous Impresario's dilemma.

## Upcoming Events

### November

09	3:00 p.m.	CPA	Madrigal Singers & Concert Choir
09	7:00 p.m.	KRH	Chamber Winds
10	8:00 p.m.	KRH	Music Factory
12	8:00 p.m.	KRH	Piano Trio and Piano Quartet
14	8:00 p.m.	CPA	Encore! Jazz Ensemble
15	11:00 a.m.	KRH	Guest Artist, Martin Hackleman, Masterclass
15	2:30 p.m.	KRH	Senior Recital, Jennette Eckert, <i>cello</i>
15	3:30 p.m.	KRH	Senior Recital, Tamara Myers, <i>piano</i>
15	5:00 p.m.	KRH	Senior Recital, Lindsey Suedkamp, <i>soprano</i>
16	3:00 p.m.	CPA	Wind Symphony
18	8:00 p.m.	KRH	Faculty Recital, Judith Dicker, <i>oboe</i> & Michael Dicker, <i>bassoon</i>
19	7:30 p.m.	KRH	ISU Guitar Studio Recital
20	7:30 p.m.	CPA	University Band, Symphonic Band & Symphonic Winds

### December

07	3:00 p.m.	CPA	Music for the Holidays
07	7:00 p.m.	CPA	Music for the Holidays

### Madrigal Dinners

December 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

All dinners start at 6:30 p.m.

December 6

Matinee @ Noon

KRH	-	Kemp Recital Hall
CPA	-	Center for the Performing Arts
BA	-	Braden Auditorium