UNT Opera 2017-2018 Season AUDITIONS

Saturday, August 26, 2017 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 27, 2017 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Lyric Theater, Murchison Performing Arts Center

AUDITION GUIDELINES

- *All UNT students, both undergraduate and graduate, regardless of major, are eligible to audition. All students, both new and returning, who wish to participate in UNT Opera this year are required to audition—even those who have participated in the past.
- *Please register for UNT Opera (MUEN 3040 or 5040) *before* the August auditions. If you are not cast, or if you choose—in a timely fashion!—not to accept your assignment for the season, you will be automatically dropped from the course and will receive a full refund. Please note that, *as a rule*, you are expected to participate in [and register for] UNT Opera for the entire year (both fall and spring semesters).
- *Please prepare 2 vocal selections of your choice, in consultation with your voice teacher. These selections may be arias *or* songs *or* musical theatre pieces. You might not be asked to sing both selections in their entirety. There is no specific repertoire or language requirement.
- *Stephen Dubberly will be available anytime after August 1 to work with you as you prepare for your audition.
- *Sign up for an *audition time* on the opera bulletin board in the Murchison Performing Arts Center (across from the opera office, room 144).
- *Be sure to complete an *audition information form* (available on the website [opera.music.unt.edu] or at the Murchison Performing Arts Center) and bring it to your audition. Note the weekly schedule and list any conflicts you're aware of.
- *Your attire should be appropriate and flattering...it will certainly contribute to the impression you make, and should reflect your respect for the audition process.
- *An accompanist will be provided—but you are welcome to bring your own.

*Please note that the weekly opera rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Monday 3:45-10:00 p.m.; Wednesday 3:45-6:15 p.m.; Thursday 4:15-6:15 p.m.; and Friday 2:15-6:15 p.m.

You will have an opportunity on the *audition information form* to list conflicts. But if you are already aware of any *regular* conflicts, please email Stephen about them now.

- *The auditions, as always, are open to any faculty member; but students are not allowed to listen to others' auditions.
- *Bring audition music for your accompanist as follows: Legible photocopies of the music, *double-sided*, in a three-ring binder (hole-punched). Please do not cover your music with plastic. Please do NOT bring loose photocopies or single-sided pages.
- *If any callback auditions are needed, they will take place on Monday, August 29, 3:45-6:15 p.m.
- *A cast list will be posted by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 31, both on the opera website (opera.music.unt.edu) and on the opera board in the Murchison Performing Arts Center.
- *Most roles will be double-cast. We may also assign covers for some roles.
- *There will be a required meeting of all UN Opera participants in the Lyric Theater at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31.
- *Your questions are always welcome! Please contact: Stephen Dubberly, Opera Music Director (940-367-8770, **Stephen.Dubberly@unt.edu**)

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Mozart's Die Zauberflöte

November 3, 5, 10, and 12, 2017

[Fridays at 8:00 p.m.; Sundays at 3:00 p.m.]

Full production performed in German (music) and English (dialogue) with the UNT Symphony Orchestra

ROLES:

*Queen of the Night soprano

*Pamina soprano Papagena soprano 1st Lady soprano

2nd Lady soprano or mezzo

3rd Lady mezzo 1st Boy soprano

2nd Boy soprano or mezzo

3rd Boy mezzo *Tamino tenor Monostatos tenor 1st Man in Armor tenor

2nd Man in Armor baritone or bass-baritone

1st Slave tenor 2nd Slave baritone Papageno baritone

Speaker baritone or bass-baritone

*Sarastro bass

CHORUS: SATB

^{*}Schirmer edition

^{*}If you wish to be considered for the role of Queen of the Night, please perform both Queen arias ("O zittre nicht" and "Der Hölle Rache") for your audition.

^{*}If you wish to be considered for the role of Pamina, please perform "Ach, ich fühls" *plus* the opening scene of the Act II Finale (Pamina suicide scene with 3 Boys) *plus* the dialogue scene before "Ach, ich fühls" (contact Stephen for a copy).

^{*}There are no specific audition requirements for any of the other roles.

^{*}The role of Tamino has been pre-cast. It will be performed by Steven Hyland and Matthew Morales.

^{*}The role of Sarastro has been pre-cast. It will be performed by Dr. Stephen Morscheck.

Directors' Scenes Program

November 20, 2017

[Monday at 8:00 p.m.]

Performed in various languages with piano accompaniment

Assignments in this program will be made after the August auditions.

Handel's Alcina

January 19 and 21, 2018

[Friday at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday at 3:00 p.m.]

Concert or semi-staged performance

Performed in Italian with chamber ensemble

ROLES:

Morgana soprano
Alcina soprano
Oberto soprano
Ruggiero mezzo
Bradamante mezzo
Oronte tenor
Melisso baritone

NO CHORUS

Weill's Street Scene

February 22, 23, 24, and 25, 2018

[Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday at 3:00 p.m.] Full production performed in English with the UNT Concert Orchestra

ROLES:

Greta Fiorentino high soprano

Rose Maurrant soprano Anna Maurrant soprano 2nd Graduate soprano 1st Nursemaid soprano Emma Jones mezzo Jennie Hildebrand mezzo 3rd Graduate mezzo Mrs. Hildebrand mezzo 2nd Nursemaid mezzo Olga Olsen mezzo Sam Kaplan tenor Abraham Kaplan tenor Daniel Buchanan tenor

Henry Davis high baritone

Harry Easter baritone George Jones baritone

Frank Maurrant baritone or bass-baritone

Carl Olsen bass
Willie Maurrant child
Charlie Hildebrand child
Mary Hildebrand child
Grace Davis child

Dancers (singing)

Mae Jones

Victor McGann

Speaking Roles

Shirley Kaplan, Steve Sankey, Vincent Jones, Dr. Wilson, Officer Murphy, City Marshal, Fred Cullen

Gounod's Faust

April 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2018

[Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday at 3:00 p.m.] Workshop production performed in French with chamber ensemble

ROLES:

Marguerite soprano
Siébel mezzo
Martha mezzo
Faust tenor
Valentin baritone
Wagner baritone

Méphistophéles bass-baritone

[NO CHORUS]