

UNT OPERA
2016-2017 Season
CAST LISTS
REVISED September 23, 2016

THANK YOU
to all who auditioned for us!

We're proud of the way each of you performed. Obviously, it's incredibly difficult for you to show all you can do in one short audition, with all its attendant pitfalls and unforeseen circumstances. It's also difficult for us to make casting determinations based on that audition. We're well aware that we couldn't possibly have grasped the full extent of your talent and abilities, and that our own instincts and judgment are necessarily fallible and incomplete. What follows is our best effort to provide the right experience for you this year and to shape a season that gives as many opportunities as possible within the limitations of our program. We'd be happy to give you our feedback about your audition and to work in consultation with your voice teacher to craft a strategy to help you toward your goals for this year and for the future.

*The cast lists are necessarily subject to change.

*If your name does not appear on the following cast lists, you will not participate in UNT Opera this year. You will receive a refund when you drop the class.

*If you choose not to accept your assignment, please notify us immediately.

*If you decide to accept your assignment, please **initial** by your name everywhere it appears on the cast assignments sheet *in the Murchison Performing Arts Center*.

***1st class meeting: Wednesday, August 31, 3:45-6:15 p.m. in the Lyric Theater**

All students are required to attend. We will discuss the class syllabus, make important introductions and announcements, discuss class policies, overview the season, and communicate our expectations for the year. We'll also answer questions!

UNT Opera
Verdi's *La traviata*
CONCERT PERFORMANCE

Performed in Italian with piano
Friday, September 16, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

Ricordi vocal score

ROLES:

Violetta	Gabrielle Gilliam
Annina	Gillian White
Flora	Kayla Nanto
Alfredo	Braun Oldenkamp
	covers: Alex Longnecker, Nathan Schafer
Gastone	Nathan Wiley
Marquis	Benjamin Howard
Germont	Levi Hernandez
	cover: Mason Jarboe
Baron	Anthony Potts
Doctor	Lawrence Hall

UNT Opera

A Concert in Honor of Paula Homer

Performed with piano accompaniment
Sunday, September 25, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

PROGRAM:

Act IV Duet (*Roméo et Juliette*) Charles Gounod

Chabely Rendón, Juliette
Nathan Schafer, Roméo

“I’m Full of Happiness” (*Albert Herring*) Benjamin Britten

Brittany Jones, Lady Billows
Eun Ji Jung, Miss Wordsworth
Nicole Stover, Emmie
Lauren Lestage, Cis
Kelsey Korman, Harry
Mason Bynes, Nancy
Amanda O’Toole, Mum
Haley Malin, Florence Pike
Nathan Wiley, Mayor Upfold
Derrick Brown, Sid
Ben Howard, Vicar Gedge
Jacob Moreno, Superintendent Budd

Rain Quartet (*Regina*) Marc Blitzstein

Alexandra Burkot, Alexandra
Rachael Fant, Birdie
Shanae Kemp, Addie
Jacob Moreno, Horace

“Ah, Michele, Don’t You Know” (*The Saint of Bleecker Street*) Gian Carlo Menotti

Claire Choquette, Desideria

Ice Cream Sextet (*Street Scene*) Kurt Weill

Eliza Smith, Greta Fiorentino
Shanae Kemp, Olga Olsen
Joseph Leon, Lippo Fiorentino
Derrick Brown, Henry Davis
Benjamin Howard, Mr. Jones
Jacob Moreno, Carl Olsen

“Take Me Back” (*Our Town*)

Ned Rorem

Hilary Taylor, Emily

Act IV, Final Scene (*Le nozze di Figaro*)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jessica Mock, Countess

Jocelyn Hansen, Susanna

Natasha Wroblewski, Barbarina

Samantha Wood, Marcellina

Claire Choquette, Cherubino

Santiago Gutiérrez Herrera, Curzio

Diego Valdez, Basilio

Anthony Potts, Count

Derrick Brown, Antonio

Lawrence Hall, Bartolo

Hastings Reeves, Figaro

UNT Opera

Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*

Performed in Italian with the UNT Symphony Orchestra
November 4, 6, 11, 13, 2016

CASTS

<u>Cast 1 (November 4 and 13)</u>	<u>Cast 2 (November 6 and 11)</u>
Countess Julia Pagh Cover: Jessica Mock	Samantha Kantak
Susanna Kimberly Watson Cover: Jocelyn Hansen	Bethany Mamola
Barbarina Eun Ji Jung Cover: Natasha Wroblewski	Eliza Smith
Marcellina Samantha Wood	Amanda O'Toole
Cherubino Josefina Maldonado Cover: Claire Choquette	Madelaine Martinez
2 Girls Alexandra Sanford Claire Choquette	Alexandra Sanford Claire Choquette
Basilio Martin Clark Cover: Diego Valdez	Andrew Smathers
Curzio Alex Longnecker Cover: Santiago Gutiérrez Herrera	Hyunwoo Cho
Count Austin Murray Cover: Anthony Potts	Mason Jarboe
Bartolo Daniel Lickteig Cover: Lawrence Hall	Daniel Lickteig
Antonio Levi Hernandez	Derrick Brown
Figaro Hastings Reeves	Clay Thompson

+ CHORUS:

Claire Dugan, Kaila Nash, Madison Neusel, Alexandra Sanford, Natasha Wroblewski
Mason Bynes, Claire Choquette, Kelsey Korman, Haley Malin
Max Ary, Santiago Gutiérrez Herrera, Diego Valdez, Nathan Wiley
Lawrence Hall, Jacob Moreno

NOTE: Barbarina and Figaro sing with the CHORUS in Act I

NOTE: Susanna, Barbarina, Marcellina, Cherubino, Basilio, Curzio, Antonio, Figaro,
and Bartolo sing with the CHORUS in Act III

Please note the following important change to the master schedule:

Cast 1 will have its orchestra dress rehearsal on **Wednesday, November 2**

Cast 2 will have its orchestra dress rehearsal on **Tuesday, November 1**

Bärenreiter edition

UNT Opera

Directors' Scenes

Monday, November 21, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

***Le nozze di Figaro* Act I, Scenes 5-7**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Susanna	Jocelyn Hansen
Cherubino	Claire Choquette
Basilio	Diego Valdez
Count	Anthony Potts

***Così fan Tutte* Act I Finale**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Fiordiligi	Hilary Taylor
Dorabella	Kayla Nanto
Despina	Natasha Wroblewski
Ferrando	Alex Longnecker
Guglielmo	Austin Murray
Alfonso	Lawrence Hall

***Cenerentola* Opening Scene**

Gioachino Rossini

Clorinda	Alexandra Burkot
Tisbe	Mason Bynes
Angelina	Kayla Nanto
Alidoro	Lawrence Hall

***Anna Bolena* Act II Duet**

Gaetano Donizetti

Anna	Hilary Taylor
Giovanna	Hannah Ceniseros

***La traviata* Act II (entire act divided into 3 scenes)**

Giuseppe Verdi

Violetta	Gabrielle Gilliam
Annina	Gillian White
Alfredo	Braun Oldenkamp and Nathan Schafer
Giuseppe	Nathan Wiley
Germont	Malcolm Payne and Anthony Potts

***Un ballo in maschera* Act I, Scene II (pp. 61-72)**

Giuseppe Verdi

Amelia	Jessica Mock
Ulrica	Shanae Kemp
Riccardo	Alex Longnecker

***Roméo et Juliette* Act IV Duet**

Juliette Chabely Rendón
Roméo Nathan Schafer

Charles Gounod

***Mikado* Duet (“Were You Not to Ko-Ko Plighted”)**

Nanki-Poo Diego Valdez
Yum-Yum Claire Dugan

Arthur Sullivan

***Manon St. Sulpice* Scene**

Manon Rachael Fant
Des Grieux Joseph Leon

Jules Massenet

***Falstaff* Act I, Scene II (cuts TBD)**

Nannetta Jiyoong Nho
Alice Gillian White
Meg Jenny Ivánovna
Dame Quickly Amanda O’Toole
Fenton Max Ary

Giuseppe Verdi

***Cendrillon* Act III Duet**

Fairy Kjersti Cooper
Cendrillon Sara Kennedy
Prince Helen Marincel

Jules Massenet

***Madama Butterfly* Act III Trio**

Suzuki Jenny Ivánovna
Pinkerton Carlos Sáenz
Sharpless Mason Jarboe

Giacomo Puccini

***Street Scene* Ice Cream Sextet**

Greta Fiorentino Eliza Smith
Olga Olsen Shanae Kemp
Lippo Fiorentino Joseph Leon
Henry Davis Derrick Brown
George Jones Benjamin Howard
Carl Olsen Jacob Moreno

Kurt Weill

Albert Herring Act II, Scene 1

Benjamin Britten

Lady Billows	Brittany Jones
Miss Wordsworth	Eun Ji Jung
Emmie	Nicole Stover
Cis	Lauren Lestage
Harry	Kelsey Korman
Nancy	Mason Bynes
Mum	Amanda O'Toole
Florence Pike	Haley Malin
Mayor Upfold	Nathan Wiley
Sid	Derrick Brown
Vicar Gedge	Ben Howard
Superintendent	Budd Jacob Moreno

Tartuffe Act I Trio

Kirke Mechem

Dorine	Ariana Celeste
Marianne	Clara Zepeda
Valère	Martin Clark

Lysistrata Act I Scene

Mark Adamo

Lysia	Jocelyn Hansen
Xantho	Kjersti Cooper
Charito	Alexandra Sanford
Myrrhine	Jessica Mock
Dika	Hilary Taylor
Sappho	Claire Choquette
Arete	Hannah Ceniseros
Kleonike	Madelaine Martinez
Lampito	Shanae Kemp

Great Scott Act I Sextet

Jake Heggie

Tatyana	Clara Zepeda
Winnie	Amanda Jacobsen
Roane	Kelsey Korman
Anthony	Alex Longnecker
Wendell	Mason Jarboe
Eric	Lawrence Hall

UNT Opera

Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*

CONCERT PERFORMANCE

Performed in Italian with piano
Friday, January 20, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Schirmer vocal score

ROLES:

Cio-Cio San	Brittany Jones
Mother	Alexandra Burkot
Aunt	Kjersti Cooper
Cousin	Rachael Fant
Suzuki	Jenny Ivánovna
Kate Pinkerton	Kelsey Korman
Pinkerton	Carlos Sáenz cover: Nathan Schafer
Goro	Hyunwoo Cho cover: Santiago Gutiérrez Herrera
Yakusidé	Max Ary
Imperial Commissioner	Derrick Brown
Registrar	Nathan Wiley
Yamadori	Benjamin Howard
Sharpless	Mason Jarboe
Bonze	Hastings Reeves

CHORUS

Alexandra Burkot, Ariana Celeste, Kjersti Cooper, Rachael Fant, Gabrielle Gilliam, Eun Ji Jung, Bethany Mamola, Kaila Nash, Julia Pagh, Jae Park, Eliza Smith, Kimberly Watson, Gillian White

Max Ary, Derrick Brown, Hyunwoo Cho [Acts II and III], Martin Clark, Santiago Gutiérrez Herrera, Benjamin Howard, Joseph Leon, Alex Longnecker, Braun Oldenkamp, Andrew Smathers, Diego Valdez, Nathan Wiley

UNT Opera

Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*

Performed in English with the UNT Concert Orchestra
March 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2017

ROLES:

Mrs. Nordstrom (Liebeslieder)

Jocelyn Hansen, Kimberly Watson

Mrs. Segstrom (Liebeslieder)

Rachael Fant, Jessica Mock

Anne

Sara Kennedy, Madison Neusel

Desiree

Hilary Taylor, Samantha Wood

Fredrika

Kelsey Korman, Lauren Lestage

Charlotte

Rebecca Hansen, Madelaine Martinez

Mrs. Anderssen (Liebeslieder)

Kelley Lokensgard, Josefina Maldonado

Petra

Kayla Nanto, Julia Pagh

Mme. Armfeldt

Amanda O'Toole, Eliza Smith

Mr. Erlanson (Liebeslieder)

Joseph Leon, Diego Valdez

Henrik

Braun Oldenkamp, Andrew Smathers

Mr. Lindquist (Liebeslieder)

Derrick Brown, Benjamin Howard

Fredrik

Malcolm Payne, Anthony Potts

Carl-Magnus

Austin Murray, Hastings Reeves

***Malla (spoken)**

Natasha Wroblewski

***Osa (spoken)**

Alexandra Burkot

Frid (spoken)

Derrick Brown, Benjamin Howard

***Bertrand (spoken)**

Santiago Gutiérrez Herrera

PLEASE NOTE: Singers in principal roles [except *] will be requested to be available for rehearsals the week before the spring semester begins (January 9-13).

UNT Opera

Poulenc's Dialogues des Carmélites

Performed in French with a small instrumental ensemble
April 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2017

ROLES:

Blanche

Gabrielle Gilliam, Chabely Rendon

Constance

Ariana Celeste, Jocelyn Hansen

Lidoine

Brittany Jones, Gillian White

Mother Marie

Hannah Ceniseros, Josefina Maldonado

Sister Mathilde

Kelley Lokensgard

Mother Jeanne

Madelaine Martinez

Old Prioress

Shanae Kemp, Amanda O'Toole

Chevalier

Martin Clark, Carlos Sáenz

Chaplain

Alex Longnecker, Nathan Schafer

1st Commissioner

Joseph Leon, Diego Valdez

2nd Commissioner

Derrick Brown, Benjamin Howard

1st Officer

Derrick Brown, Benjamin Howard

Marquis

Daniel Lickteig, Austin Murray

***Jailer**

Levi Hernandez, Hastings Reeves

***Thierry**

Lawrence Hall, Jacob Moreno

***Javelinot**

Lawrence Hall, Jacob Moreno

***1st Old Woman (spoken)**

Mason Bynes

***2nd Old Woman (spoken)**

Haley Malin

***Old Man**

Nathan Wiley

ENSEMBLE OF NUNS:

Mother Gérald, Sister Claire, Sister Antoine, Sister Catherine, Sister Felicity, Sister Gertrude, Sister Alice, Sister Valentine, Sister Anne of the Cross, Sister Martha, Sister St. Charles

The following 11 singers will comprise the Ensemble of Nuns. Specific named roles will be assigned to each singer at a later date.

Alexandra Burkot

Sara Kennedy

Bethany Mamola

Julia Pagh

Eliza Smith

Kimberly Watson

Natasha Wroblewski

Rebecca Hansen

Jenny Ivánovna

Helen Marincel

Kayla Nanto

PLEASE NOTE: Singers in principal roles [except *] *including* the Ensemble of Nuns will be requested to be available for rehearsals the week of spring break (March 13-17).

CHORUS

Kjersti Cooper, Rachael Fant, Kaila Nash, Madison Neusel, Jae Park, Alexandra Sanford, Nicole Stover, Andrea Weidemann, Feifei Zheng, Clara Zepeda

Mason Bynes, Dominique Hicks, Kelsey Korman, Haley Malin, Grace Nelson

Max Ary, Martin Clark, Santiago Gutierrez Herrera, Joseph Leon, Alex Longnecker, Carlos Sáenz, Nathan Schafer, Andrew Smathers, Diego Valdez, Nathan Wiley

Derrick Brown, Lawrence Hall, Levi Hernandez, Benjamin Howard, Jacob Moreno, Malcolm Payne, Anthony Potts, Hastings Reeves