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Violin II

Karmen Mitchell, Principle Mark Murphy, Asst. Principle Paige Palmer Olivia Trinko Elizabeth Vega

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Sabrina Romney, Principle Kara Leonardi, Asst. Principle Maggie Babb

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Chris Stuburg, Principle Kenneth Martin, Asst. principle Jake Thaler

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Zach Schwartz, Principle Daniel Smith, asst principle

<u>Flute</u>

Lindsey Noble,Principle Christy Muncey

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MEET THE CAST

Nathanael Alpers is so excited and grateful to sing in Griffin Concert Hall again. Previously he's appeared in the CSU opera theater productions of *Die Zauberflöte*, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, and *Die Fledermaus*. He is looking forward to more great performances in the coming seasons.

Kawika Berthelette is a fifth year Music Education major studying with Professor Greg Brookes. He has performed Dr. Falke in *Die Fledermaus*, The Page in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, and Die Sprecher in *Die Zauberflöte*.

Charles Boehlke is a freshman studying in The Freshmen Voice Studio, pursuing a vocal performance degree. This is his first show with CSU Opera theater. Previous roles include Cinderella's Prince (*Into the Woods*), John Worthing (*The Importance of Being Earnest*) and Willy Wonka (*Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*). He is thrilled to be part of The Gondoliers.

Andrew Diessner is a senior Vocal Performance major. He has performed Bardolfo in *Falstaff*, Daniel Buchanan in *Street Scene*, Count Carl Magnus in *A Little Night Music*, Monostatos in *Die Zauberflöte*, Eisenstein in *Die Fledermaus*, and Don Basilio in *The Marriage of Figaro* all with CSU Opera. Andrew has also sang Nemorino in *L'elisir d'amore* with Emerald City Opera young artists.

David Dimmen is a senior Music Education major at CSU. He enjoys performing and appeared in *Le Nozze di Figaro* as Figaro, and *Die Fledermaus* as Dr. Falke. He looks forward to continuing his career at CSU again next year.

Camrenne Dubler is a Junior Music Therapy Major with a Performance Certificate. While at Colorado State University, she has had the honor of playing Cherubino in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel*, and Third Spirit in *Die Zauberflöte*.

Rebekah Gray is second year M.M. student in vocal performance, studying under Dr. Tiffany Blake. Previous roles include Susanna (*Le Nozze di Figaro*), Adele (*Die Fledermaus*), Queen of the Night (*The Magic Flute*), Clorinda (*La Cenerentola*), Mrs. Fiorentino (*Street Scene*), and Nanetta (*Falstaff*).

Nathan Hickle is a first year grad student, studying with Gregory Brookes. He recently graduated from UNC with a BME. Previous roles include Count Almaviva (*Le Nozze di Figaro*), the Pirate King (*The Pirates of Penzance*), and Professor Bhaer (*Little Women*). He dedicates this performance to Tricia Hansen, his lovely wife-to-be.

Audrey Hurley is a first-year graduate student. She is currently studying with Dr. Todd Queen. Her recent roles include Giovanna in Verdi's *Rigoletto* with Opera Fort Collins; Marcellina in Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro* with CSU opera. She graduated from Angelo State University (San Angelo, Texas) with a BA in music. Future engagements include The Aunt in Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* with OFC, and Dorabella in Mozart's *Cosi fan tutte* in Orvieto, Italy.

Chaazi Munyanya is a Junior Vocal Performance Major. Her roles in CSU Opera Theater include Cherubino in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Orlofsky in *Die Fledermaus*, and Tisbe in *La Cenerentola*.

Kathleen Murphy is delighted to make her reappearance on the Griffin stage. She has appeared in Mozart's *Die Zauberflote, Die Fledermaus, Amahl and the Night Visitors* and *Le Nozze di Figaro* in the chorus. She also was in *Hansel and Gretel* as "The Dew Fairy" here at CSU. "It was so fun working with such a high energy cast(s)! Break a Leg Everyone!!!"

Cassie Murray is a junior Music Education & Performance Certificate major studying with Tiffany Blake. Previous roles with Colorado State Opera Theatre include Barbarina in *Le nozze di Figaro*, Papagena in *Die Zauberflöte*, Ida in *Die Fledermaus*, and Anne in *A Little Night Music*.

Josh Ooms began his second year of study at CSU this fall under the instruction of Dr. Todd Queen. He appeared as Balthazar in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, as Frank in *Die Fledermaus* and as Bartolo in *Le Nozze di Figaro*.

Todd Resseguie is a senior vocal performance major studying with Professor Gregory Brookes. This is his eighth show with CSU Opera theater. Previous roles include Figaro (*Le Nozze di Figaro*), Papageno (*Die Zauberflöte*), Dandini (*La Cenerentola*), and Melchior (*Amahl and the Night Visitors*).

Lauren Spease is a second year grad student at Colorado State University pursuing her Masters Degree in Vocal Performance. Recent credits with CSU Opera Theatre include Countess from Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Rosalinda in *Die Fledermaus*, and First Lady in *Die Zauberflöte*.

Gene Stenger (Marco Palmieri) is a first year master's student in vocal performance studying with Dr. Todd Queen. Gene recently completed his Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance at Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music. Roles: Stage Manager in *Our Town*, and title role in *Albert Herring*.

Bradley Williams is a student of Professor Gregory Brookes, studying music education in his junior year. He previously played Don Bartolo in CSU Opera Theater's production of "Le Nozze di Figaro."

Sara Wise is a Junior Music Therapy major with a Performer Certificate studying under Dr. Todd Queen. Roles: 2nd spirit (*Die Zauberflöte*), Marcellina (*Le Nozze Di Figaro*). She thanks her family for all their continued support and love.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers* continues Colorado State Opera's season of comedy. This was Gilbert and Sullivan's last great success having an original run of 554 performances. G&S has an enduring appeal for modern audiences with high school, college and professional productions alike. Some call G&S musical theatre; others insist that it is classical music. Whatever the categorization G & S certainly places vocal demands on the singers that surpass most modern musical theatre while reaching an audience that might otherwise be inclined to avoid opera. This is in part due to the fact that G&S is sung in English; but I think their success has to due with the brilliant and timeless comedy found in all of the great G&S shows.

- Gregory Brookes

CAST & ENSEMBLE

Role	Green Cast (Mar 4, 10)	Gold Cast (Mar 6, 11)
Giuseppe	. Nathan Hickle	. David Dimmen
Marco	. Gene Stenger	. Andrew Diessner
Gianetta	. Lauren Spease	. Kathleen Murphy
Tessa	. Chaazi Munyanya	. Cami Dubler
Casilda	. Rebekah Gray	. Cassie Murray
Luiz	Nathanael Alpers	. Kawika Berthelette
Duke	. Todd Resseguie	. Charlie Boehlke
Duchess	. Audrey Hurley	. Sara Wise
Don Alhambra	. Bradley Williams	. Josh Ooms
Annibale*	. Reece Albrecht	. Tim Garrity
Antonio*	. Arthur Beutel	. Arthur Beutel
Fiametta*	. Emily Thomas	. Ellen Pond
Francesco*	. Westin Sorrel	. Westin Sorrel
Giorgio*	. Paul Trozan	. Paul Trozan
Giulia*	. Miranda Bashore	. Ashlyn Dunn
Inez*	. Cami Cheatham	. Cammie Kolber
Vittoria*	. Deanna Kraft	. Sarah Silva

^{*} Denotes Chorus Role

Chorus of Gondoliers

<u>and Contadine</u> Katie Benton

Caitlin Britt Katie Deuschle

Brittani Farrell

Anastasia Gray

Allison Gressett

Ari Jenkins

Michelle Kim Sarah Soltysik

Diana Young-Murray

SYNOPSIS

ACT

The Piazetta, Venice

The two Gondoliers, Marco and Giuseppe, are so handsome and have such winning ways, that they have completely turned the heads of the pretty contadine. Marco and Giuseppe can't decide whom to choose as their brides so they solve the problem by allowing themselves to be blindfolded, whilst the contadine and their superfluous gondolier admirers dance round Marco and Giuseppe. In the ensuing game Marco catches Gianetta, and Giuseppe, Tessa.

The Duke and Duchess of Plaza Toro, their daughter Casilda and their suite, consisting of "His Grace's private drum," Luiz arrive. They have brought their daughter Casilda from Spain. The Duke reveals to Casilda that when she was a six months old babe she was married by proxy to the infant son of the wealthy King of Barataria. The Grand Inquisitor stole the youthful heir to the throne and conveyed him to Venice.

Casilda, therefore, is now Queen of Barataria. But the whereabouts of the new King is not definitely known. Casilda, unfortunately, is in love with someone else — her father's "private drum," Luiz — and they are both despondent at the sad thought of what the future must bring.

Don Alhambra, the Grand Inquisitor, explains that when he stole the youthful Prince of Barataria, he brought him to Venice and placed him in the family of a highly respectable Gondolier, who had a son of the same age. The Gondolier, through a fondness for drinking, muddled up the two children, and when the Inquisitor went to fetch the Royal Child he found it impossible to tell which was which. This news is received rather philosophically, the only person who can possibly tell is the foster mother of the Prince, Inez (who is Luiz' mother). Luiz is sent to fetch her.

Giuseppe and Marco now return with their new wed wives. Don Alhambra (whom at first they mistake for an undertaker) informs them that either Giuseppe or Marco is the King of Barataria, and that until the mystery is unraveled they must take up the reins of government as one individual. They may take all their friends with them- all, that is, except the ladies, who must stay behind.

ACTI

A Pavilion in the Court of Barataria (Three Months Later)

Both Marco and Giuseppe, when they were Gondoliers, had ideas on Republican government, and they have reorganized the state on their idealistic principles. If they want anything done they have to do it themselves. Only one thing is missing, they feel – it is dull without female society.

Scarcely have they confessed the fact when the contadine run in, led by Fiametta and Vittoria. Curiosity is the cause of the invasion, though they know they were strictly forbidden to come. They are all very excited. Tessa and Gianetta are anxious to know if their husbands have anyone to mend the royal socks, and if it is known yet which of them is to be queen.

Don Alhambra announces the arrival of Casilda. One of them, he says, Marco or Giuseppe (whichever is the real King of Barataria), is married to the beautiful Casilda, and is, of course, an unintentional bigamist if he has married a contadina in the meantime. Poor Tessa and Gianetta are very upset. By the light of this new exposure, one of them is married and one of them is not. But they cannot tell which it is. They burst into tears.

Meanwhile Casilda is afraid that she will never learn to love her husband. The Duchess is firm. "I loved your father," she says, and proceeds to explain how she married and "tamed" him. Marco and Giuseppe explain the state of the country and the attitude of their subjects towards them. The Duke, in the famous Gavotte, "I am a courtier," instructs them on the correct demeanor of a king, which they try, very awkwardly, to adopt. Marco and Giuseppe are tactfully left alone with Casilda, but Gianetta and Tessa come in, and they all discuss the highly complicated problem of exactly who is married and who is not.

They are interrupted by Don Alhambra, who enters, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess and all the court of Barataria. Inez, the foster mother of the Prince has been found. She alone can unravel the mystery.

[Plot summary from the book *The Victor Book of the Opera*, RCA Manufacturing Co., Camden, NJ, 1936.]

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