Upcoming Events

Music: Virtuoso Series Concert: Special Guest Christine Rutledge, Viola & CSU Organ Recital Hall 7:30 PM Faculty Janet Landreth, Piano 2/25 UAM: Gallery Talk: Focus on Fiber: A Conversation with Sara Rockinger & Carol University Art Museum 4 PM Music: Jazz Ensembles Concert: With Special Guest Ingrid Jensen, Trumpet 2/26 **Griffin Concert Hall** 7:30 PM Music: Voice Area Recital 2/26 Organ Recital Hall 7:30 PM Music: Virtuoso Series Concert: CSU Faculty Eric Hollenbeck, Percussion Organ Recital Hall 7:30 PM Organ Recital Hall 7:30 PM Music: Alumni Series Concert: Laura Begley '10 Music: Concert Band & Concert Orchestra Concert: British Invasion **Griffin Concert Hall** 7:30 PM

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Virtuoso Series Concert

Tiffany Blake, soprano John Seesholtz, baritone Annie McDonald, piano

> April 14, 2014 7:30 P.M. Organ Recital Hall

from I Pagliacci

Ruggero Leoncavallo (1857-1919)

Nedda! Silvio, a quest'ora!

from Don Giovanni

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

La ci darem la mano

from *La Traviata* Giuseppi Verdi (1813-1901)

Pure siccome un angelo

— Intermission —

from Carousel

Rodgers and Hammerstein

If I loved you

from One touch of Venus

Kurt Weill (1890-1950)

That's him

from Fifty Million Frenchmen

Cole Porter (1891-1964)

The Tale of the Oyster

from *Porgy and Bess*

George Gershwin (1898-1937)

Bess, you is my woman now

Translations

"Nedda.....Silvio, a quest'ora!" from I Pagliacci

The opera tells of the lives of members of a small theatrical road company. Canio, head of the troupe, describes that night's offering, and when someone jokingly suggests that the hunchback Tonio is secretly enamoured of his young wife, Canio warns he will tolerate no flirting with Nedda. Nedda is disturbed by her husband's vehemence and suspicious glances. While alone Tonio appears and indeed tries to make love to her, but she scorns him. Enraged, he grabs her, and she lashes out with a whip, getting rid of him but inspiring an oath of vengeance. Nedda in fact does have a lover — Silvio, who now arrives and persuades her to run away with him at midnight.

NEDDA

Silvio! At this hour, what folly ...

SILVIO

Bah! You can be sure I'm not taking any risks.

I saw Canio and Peppe in the tavern, but I came here secretly, through the wooded path I know.

NEDDA

Had you been a moment sooner you'd have run into Tonio.

SILVIO

Oh! Tonio the fool!

<u>NEDDA</u>

The fool can be dangerous. He loves me ...

He told me so just now, and he was like a beast, trying to kiss me, and he dared to rush on me ...

But I used the whip to cool the passion of that filthy dog.

SILVIO

Will you live forever amid these worries? Nedda! Nedda! Decide my fate.

O stay here, Nedda! As you know, the fair is over and everyone will be gone tomorrow.

And when you too have left here, what will become of meOf my life?!

Nedda, Nedda, answer me. If it's true that you don't love Canio any more,

if it's true that you hate the nomadic life you lead, if your great love for me isn't fake,

let's go tonight! Nedda, leave with me.

NEDDA

Don't tempt me! Do you want to ruin my life?

Hush, Silvio, no more ... It's folly, it's madness!

I trust in you, I've given you my heart.

Don't take advantage of me and my love!

SILVIO

No, you don't really love me!

You leave tomorrow morning? Then tell me why you have bewitched me if now you'll leave me? Why did you give me those kisses in that burning ecstasy of pleasure?

Even if you forget those fleeting hours, I cannot, and I still want that burning ecstasy, those ardent kisses, which filled my heart with such fever!

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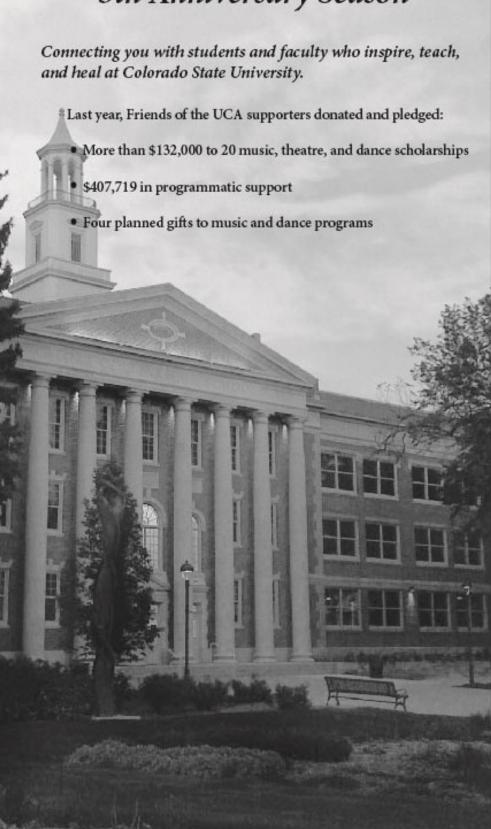
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NEDDA

I've forgotten nothing; this love that shines in your eyes has thrown me into confusion. I want to live close by your side, in the spell of a life of calm and peaceful love. I give myself to you: You alone shall rule me, and I take you and yield myself completely.

NEDDA and SILVIO

Let's forget everything! Look into my eyes! Kiss me! I love you!

"La ci darem la mano" from Don Giovanni

Don Giovanni has just met Zerlina and her fiancee, Masetto. In an attempt to distract Masetto, Giovanni offers to host a wedding celebration for the couple at his castle. When Masetto has left, Giovanni attempts to seduce Zerlina to accompany him to his castle in one of Mozart's most celebrated duets. "La ci darem la mano."

GIOVANNI

Give me your hand, say yes. Come, it isn't far, come away with me.

ZERLINA

I want to, and yet, I don't. My heart is trembling. I know I would be happy, but is he joking with me?

GIOVANNI

Come, my dear little delight. I will change your future. Let's go!

ZERLINA

I feel sorry for Masetto. Hurry now, I'm losing my resolve! Let's go!

GIOVANNI and ZERLINA

Come, my dearest, let's restore pleasure with innocent love.

Pura siccome un angelo from La Traviata

Violetta, a former courtesan, has chosen to leave her former life to live in the country far from society with Alfredo, a young bourgeois from a provincial family. When Alfredo discovers that Violetta has been selling her property to finance their lives, he immediately leaves for Paris to get money. In Alfredo's absence, his father, Giorgio Germont, pays her a visit. In this duet, Germont demands that Violetta separate from his son, as their relationship threatens his daughter's impending marriage. Over the course of their conversation, Germont comes to realize that Violetta is not after his son's money or status, however, he still disapproves of the union. He appeals to Violetta's generosity of spirit and explains that her relationship with Alfredo has no future. Violetta's resistance and clarity dwindle, and she finally agrees to leave Alfredo forever at the conclusion of this powerful duet by Verdi.

GERMONT

God gave me a daughter as pure as an angel;

If Alfredo refuses to return to the bosom of his family,

The man she loves and who loves her, the one whose wife she was to be,

Will break the chain that was to bind them in their happiness.

I pray you not to change the roses of their love to flowers of sadness.

Surely your heart will not deny the prayer I utter now.

VIOLETTA

Ah yes, I understand. If I left Alfredo for a time it would be a sacrifice, but then ...

GERMONT

That's not what I'm asking.

VIOLETTA

Heavens! What more do you expect? I've offered so much already!

GERMONT

But not enough.

VIOLETTA

You want me to leave him forever?

GERMONT

It's necessary.

VIOLETTA

Oh, no! Never!

You cannot know the kind of passion that burns in my heart!

I have no friends, no family still living. Alfredo swore that I would find them all in him.

You don't know that my life is threatened by a disease. I already see that the end is near.

If I parted from Alfredo, my suffering would be so unbearable that I would rather die!

GERMONT

The sacrifice is heavy, but hear me out with patience,

You're young and beautiful. In time ...

VIOLETTA

Oh, say no more. I understand you, but it's impossible for me. I want nothing but to love him!

GERMONT

That may be, but men are often less faithful.

One day, when time has put your charms to flight, boredom will swiftly rise.

What will happen then? Think!

The gentle balm of affection will not be for you,

because the threads that bound you had not been blessed by heaven.

VIOLETTA

It's true!

GERMONT

Ah, why not, then, abandon this tempting dream? Be the consoling angel of my family! Violetta, only think, you still have time for that.

My child, it's God who inspires the words this father speaks.

VIOLETTA

So, for the wretched woman who's fallen once, the hope of rising is forever gone! Though God should show his mercy, man will never forgive her. Say to your daughter, pure as she is and fair, that there's a victim of misfortune whose one ray of happiness before she dies Is a sacrifice made for her.

GERMONT

Weep, unhappy girl, weep! I see the sacrifice I ask is the greatest one of all. In my own heart I feel your sorrow.

Have courage, and your generous heart will conquer!