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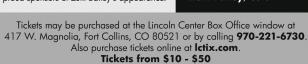
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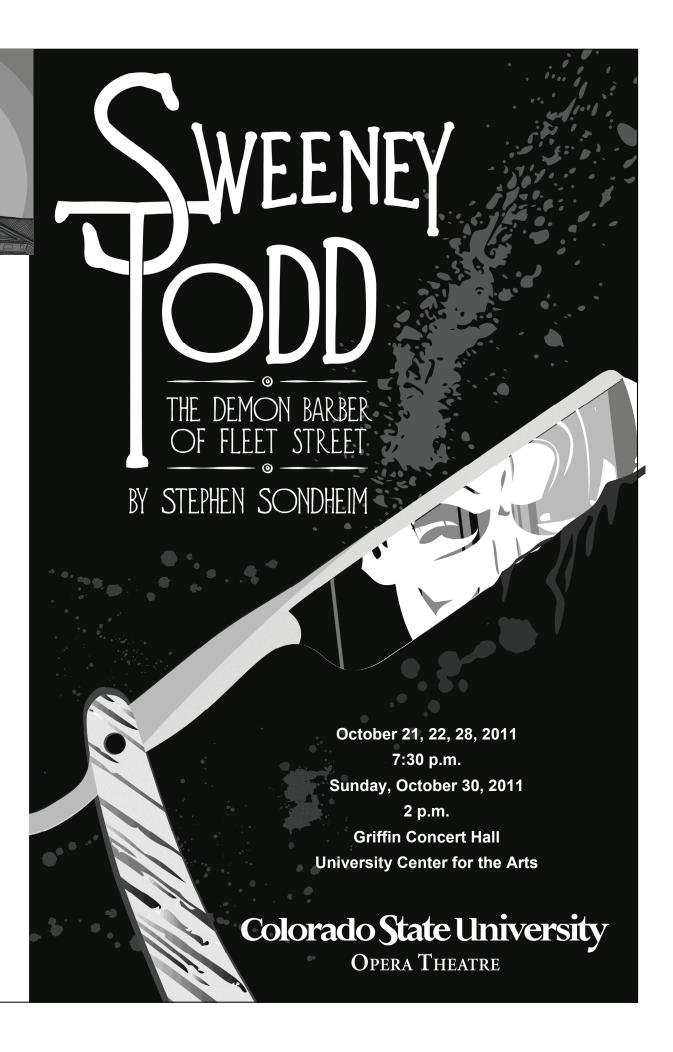
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Role	Oct. 21, 30	Oct. 22, 28
Sweeney Todd	David Dimmen	Nathan Hickle
Mrs. Lovett	Emily Thomas	Audrey Hurley
Judge Turpin	Bradley Williams	Josh Ooms
Anthony	Arthur Beutel	Charles Boehlke
Tobias	Westin Sorrel	Nate Alpers
Johanna	Rebekah Gray	Alexandra Diessner
Pirelli	Joshua Alcantar	Gene Stenger
The Beadle	Gene Stenger	Jacob Thompson
Beggar Woman	Cami Dubler	Chaazi Munyanya
Lucy	Megan Flanary	Megan Flanary
Jonas Fogg	Seth Klusmire	Noel Houle-von Behren
Bird Seller	Ryan McPeek	Ryan McPeek
Passerby	Zack Sullivan	Zack Sullivan

Ensemble Men
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Nate Alpers	Noel Houle-von Behren	Josh Ooms
Kawika Berthelette	Seth Klusmire	Dee Soliman
Arthur Beutel	Ryan McPeek	Westin Sorrel
Charles Boehlke	Alexander Meyer	Zack Sullivan

#### **Ensemble Women**

Miranda Bashore	Katie Deuschle	Ana Gray	Kathleen Murphy
Kristen Baumgartner	Ashlyn Dunn	Deanna Kraft	Julia Whitney
Caitlin Britt	Brittani Farrell	Mira Madorsky	Sara Wise

**Bradley Williams** 

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Many of you may be curious why Colorado State University Opera Theatre is producing one of America's great musical theatre shows. With Sweeney Todd, Stephen Sondheim has created a work that transcends the traditional boundaries of opera and musical theatre. In this piece you will hear elements of the American musical theatre "belt" but you will also hear many of the characters asked to sing with a very classical sound. The score is rich and powerful as would be characteristic of a classical setting but yet at times is also fun and whimsical. The vocal lines are demanding and the harmonic and rhythmic texture is complex. All of these elements ask more of the singers than might normally be asked of a musical theatre singer. Sweeney Todd works so well in a classical context that many of North America's opera companies have produced it in the last several years including Chicago Lyric Opera, New York City Opera, Houston Grand Opera and Calgary Opera. We hope that you enjoy CSU's take on this amazing show. - Gregory Brookes

## STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Stephen Sondheim wrote the music and lyrics for Road Show (2008), Passion(1994), Assassins (1991), Into the Woods (1987), Sunday in the Park with George (1984), Merrily We Roll Along (1981), Sweeney Todd (1979), Pacific Overtures (1976), The Frogs (1974), A Little Night Music (1973), Follies (1971), Company (1970), Anyone Can Whistle (1964), and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (1962). He also wrote lyrics to Leonard Bernstein's music for West Side Story (1957) and to Richard Rodger's music for Do I hear a Waltz? (1965). He has also written songs and music for many Hollywood film productions. He received a special 2008 Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre. Mr. Sondheim was born in 1930 and raised in New York City. A turning point in his life came when the famed lyricist Oscar Hammerstein II became a surrogate father and a mentor after critiquing an early work by Sondheim. He graduated from Williams College, winning the Hutchinson Prize for Music Composition, after which he studied theory and composition with Milton Babbitt. He is on the Council of Dramatists Guild, the national association of playwrights, composers, and lyricists, having served as its president from 1973-1981, and in 1983 was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 1990 he was appointed the first Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre at Oxford University and in 1993 was a recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors.

# A NOTE FROM THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR

I was already smitten with the music and lyrics of Stephen Sondheim when I saw Sweeney Todd in 1980 during its initial run at the Uris Theater in New York. The day afterwards, having pounded the pavement of Manhattan for a week, the heavens opened and a full interview with the composer was granted. I'll never forget his reaction when I asked him about the process by which he wrote a song. It is almost as if he had never really stopped to think about . . . genius sometimes is like that. Having reviewed many pages of his lyric sheets and manuscripts, much of what he writes defies typical analysis. His harmonic language does not strike the ear as being that adventuresome, yet ask the singer who has to learn the part and sing against an accompaniment that is most often of little help. Yet, when executed well, it comes together as brilliant theater. Richard Rodgers once said "Sondheim has a funny way of having people sing as if they were talking." His comment was intended as a slight, but in many ways it sums up one of Sondheim's most salient features. Still, the composer would be upset if one got caught up in his lyric construction, or the "Sweeney" chord (there is one), or the brilliantly thought-out architecture. After all Sondheim is far more interested in the whole experience, or, to steal one straight from tonight's opening number: "What happens next, well that's the play and he wouldn't want us to give it away . . . . "

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