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USD OPERA WORKSHOPS NOVEMBER 17 AND 18

Immediate Release

San Diego, California

The ancient story of Aeneas and the modern wiles of Henry will be the subjects of two operas for the University of San Diego's Opera Workshops to be presented November 17 and 18. Curtain time is 8 p.m. in Camino Theatre.

The public is invited to a musical experience unique in Southern California. The USD Opera Workshops are the only ones produced in this part of the United States.

Ilana Mysior, known for her excellence as an instructor in piano, trains the students in the behind-the-scenes preparation of the productions, staging, coaching and directing. The performances are in costume with complete settings.

Both Friday and Saturday evening performances will feature two operas: The 17th century Dido and Aeneas by Henry Purcell, and the contemporary Man On The Bearskin Rug by Paul Ramsier.

The Italian cantata style, the French technique of dance music, and the English masque are all apparent in Purcell's Dido and Aeneas. The storm-wrought Aeneas is wooed by the widowed Dido only to have the gods frown on this union. Dolores Humes will sing Dido and Daniel Griesgraber will sing the part of Aeneas. Others in the cast are: Laura Schanes and Deborah Lynne alternating as Belinda; Pamela Methvin as First Lady; Goldie Senegal and Peggy Deegan alternating as Soceress; Pamela Methvin as 1st Witch; Gretchen Scholes as 2nd Witch; Elizabeth Rockefeller as Spirit; Frank Cartaino as Sailor; Pamela Metvin as Second Woman; and the University of San Diego Madrigal Singers,

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Deborah Cuyler, Director

In Ramsier's The Man On The Bearskin Rug, Henry has been unsuccessfully wooing Doris. He acquires a bear skin rug and finds by chance that it possesses unusual qualities. Whenever anyone stands on it, he or she is transformed into an incurable romanticist. Doris will be sung on alternate nights by Laura Schanes and Deborah Lynne. Henry will be sung by that star of USD productions Brother James Tarantino. The part of Mrs. Le Moines will be shared by Goldie Senegal and Peggy Deegan.

Participating in the production are: USD Workshop, Staging; Bruce Romano, Lighting; William Jurel, Stage Manager; Elizabeth Rockefeller, Stage Assistant and Prop Manager; Bruce Romano, Sets; Debra King, Costumes; Nancy Foster, Make up and Hairstylist; Ilana Mysior and William Officer, Pianist; Michel Fradet, Recording; Orchestra for Dido and Aeneas under the direction of Dr. Henry Kolar.



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To: Publicity Office
From: Music Area
Re: Opera Workshop

This year the U.S.D. Opera Workshop will be putting on two public performances, Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th, at 8:15 p.m. . No admission will be charged and the program is as follows:

The Man on the Bearskin Rug

Paul Ramsier

Doris - Laura Schanes
Deborah Lynne

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Mrs. Le Moines - Goldie Senegal
Peggy Deegan

Henry - Br. James Tarantino

Dido and Aeneas

Henry Purcell *1689*

Dido - Dolores Humes

Aeneas - Daniel Griesgraber

Belinda - Laura Schanes *alternating with*
Deborah Lynne

First Lady - Pamela Methvin

Socerness - Goldie Senegal *alternating with*
Peggy Deegan

1st Witch - Pamela Methvin

2nd Witch - Gretchen Scholes

Spirit - Elizabeth Rockefeller

Second Woman - Pamela Methvin

Sailor - Frank Cartaino

and the University of San Diego Madrigal Singers, *Deborah* ~~Daisy~~ Cuyler,
director



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CREDITS:

Staging - *U.S.D. Opera Workshop*

Lighting - Bruce Romano

Stage Manager - William Jurel

Stage Assistant and Prop Manager - Elizabeth Rockefeller

Sets - Bruce Romano

Costumes - Debra King

Make up and Hairstylist - Nancy Foster

Pianist - Bearskin Rug - William Officer
Ilana Mysior

Orchestra for Dido and Aeneas under the direction of Dr. Henry Kolar

Recording - Michel Fradet

Note: Could we please be informed of all publicity that will be put out for these performances. Along with the outside media we hope our own campus will not be neglected. If your office feels that notices hung around school and distributed to each teacher are too much, then please notify us and we will arrange something.

Thank You