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### **Mac the Knife Comes to USD**

Undergraduate theater arts students at the University of San Diego present "The Threepenny Opera" at Shiley Theater, Camino Hall, USD, beginning Tuesday, March 19, and continuing through Saturday, March 23. Curtain time is 8 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$8, general admission; \$5, students and seniors. Call (619) 260-4600, extension 4901 for ticket purchase.

"The Threepenny Opera," music by Kurt Weill, book and lyrics by Berholt Brecht, is based on John Gay's 18<sup>th</sup> century "The Beggars Opera." Premiering in 1928, the play is a savage, biting commentary on bourgeois capitalism and modern morality. Set in Victorian London's Soho, with characters pulled from the lower ranks of society, the opera has remained popular with audiences worldwide. "The Ballad of Mac the Knife," a last minute addition to the score that defines the lead character Macheath, was recorded as a pop jazz hit in the 1950s.

**WHAT:** "The Threepenny Opera"

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 19 to Saturday, March 23  
8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Shiley Theater, Camino Hall  
University of San Diego  
5998 Alcalá Park  
San Diego 92110

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