

Michael Cavanagh's Enduring Legacy

Featuring: Gisela in her Bathtub

Opera in One Act | Libretto by Michael Cavanagh | Music by Neil Weisensel
Directed by Rob Herriot with Mariam Bernstein as Gisela

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Introduction: Peter George

Non più mesta La Cenerentola / Rosinni

Lizzy Hoyt-mezzo soprano / Lisa Rumpel-pianist

Mrs. Demers' Aria City Workers in Love*

Donnalynn Grills-mezzo soprano / Neil Weisensel-pianist

Al's Aria City Workers in Love*

Mel Braun-baritone / Neil Weisensel-pianist

Chacun le sait La Fille du Régiment / Donizetti

Tracy Dahl-soprano / Lisa Rumpel-pianist

Soave sia il vento Così fan tutte/Mozart

Lara Secord-Haid-soprano/Lizzy Hoyt-mezzo soprano/ David Watson-baritone

Lisa Rumpel-pianist

Mavis' Aria City Workers in Love*

Lara Secord-Haid-soprano / Neil Weisensel-pianist

Pete's Aria City Workers in Love*

Matthew Pauls-baritone / Neil Weisensel-pianist

Quando m'en vo La Bohème/Puccini

Monica Huisman-soprano / Lisa Rumpel-pianist

Sull'aria Le Nozze di Figaro/Mozart

Monica Huisman-soprano / Tracy Dahl-soprano / Lisa Rumpel-pianist

Ruth's Aria The Bachelor Farmers of the Apocalypse*

Joanna Loepp Thiessen-contralto / Neil Weisensel-pianist

Quel guardo il cavaliere Don Pasquale/Donizetti

Monica Huisman-soprano / Tracy Dahl-soprano / Lisa Rumpel-pianist

* Libretto: Michael Cavanagh, Composer: Neil Weisensel

Synopses: Judith Oatway, Spencer Duncanson, Neil Weisensel

INTERMISSION

Gisela In Her Bathtub

(music: N. Weisensel, libretto: M. Cavanagh)

Director..... Rob Herriot
Music Director / Piano Neil Weisensel
Costume Design Robert Butler
Gisela..... Mariam Bernstein
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