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Message from the Dean

We are thrilled to be celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music!

For an entire century, the Jacobs School has welcomed young artists from all over the world to learn and grow under the tutelage of our outstanding and unparalleled faculty.

As one of the most highly acclaimed institutions in the world for the comprehensive study of music and dance, the Jacobs School of Music plays a key role in educating the performers, scholars, composers, dancers, audio engineers, and music educators who influence performance and education around the globe.

Our 170 full-time, resident faculty members are artists and scholars of international renown, and we welcome many of the world's finest artists and teachers as guests to the school each year.

Nearly 1,600 students from all 50 states as well as 56 countries study at Jacobs, benefiting from the intensity and focus of a conservatory setting combined with the broad academic offerings of a major research university.

We invite you to join us in our Conrad Prebys Centennial Performance Season as we recognize 100 years of excellence at the Jacobs School. We have a full slate of offerings from all of our world-renowned performance areas, including IU Jacobs School of Music Opera and Ballet Theater, presented with the generous support of the Conrad Prebys Foundation.

The IU Jacobs School of Music has enriched the lives of so many who have shared in the unifying experiences of music and dance, and we celebrate our first century while looking ahead to the next 100 years.

With gratitude,

Jeremy Allen

David Henry Jacobs Bicentennial Dean (Interim)

IU Jacobs School of Music



Celebrating 100 Years of Music

What a year we had in 2020-21!

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we produced five operas and two ballets that provided valuable experience for our talented students, and now we are thrilled to be able to invite you to a full season of IU Jacobs School of Music productions during our Conrad Prebys Centennial Performance Season—celebrating the school's one-hundredth anniversary!

And what better way to kick off than with a new production of Mozart's beloved *The Magic Flute*? Join Tamino and Papageno as they set out to rescue Pamina, daughter of the infamous Queen of the Night.

Then dance with us into *Fall Ballet: A Leap Forward*—highlighted by *Chaconne*, an original work by our own Sasha Janes—before we present Monteverdi's last opera, *The Coronation of Poppea*, in Auer Hall for one weekend only.

Don't miss the hilarious *Falstaff*, iconic *The Nutcracker*, and eclectic *Holiday Celebration*, featuring musicians from across the Jacobs School, as 2021 comes to a close.

Spring begins with an evening of William Grant Still. His opera *Highway 1, USA* is partnered with a new ballet, *19*, choreographed by Sasha Janes to Still's music. Each will be a first for Jacobs.

Puccini's beautiful *La Rondine* followed by the historical *Spring Ballet: A Look Back* and the ever-popular *H.M.S. Pinafore* by Gilbert and Sullivan complete the opera and ballet season.

Be sure to join us for our other spring offerings as well. *Jacobs Live at the Movies* will finally premiere, featuring a live orchestra accompanying some classic Hollywood

entertainment, and the Singing Hoosiers will perform their Spring Concert, while the *Jazz Celebration* will surely satisfy with an evening of jazzy favorites.

And to top it all off, we have **brand new seats** in the Musical Arts Center! So please let us help you take a load off—in more ways than one.

We hope you'll celebrate our centennial season with us as we return to presenting all the incredible musical talent in the Jacobs School of Music live and in person. We can't wait to welcome you back!

Timothy Stebbins

Ted Jones Executive Director of Production

IU Jacobs School of Music

Opera and Ballet Theater



About the Conrad Prebys Foundation

The **Conrad Prebys Centennial Performance Season**, taking place during the IU Jacobs School of Music's centennial year, is made possible by a generous grant from the Conrad Prebys Foundation, which inspires transformational change by funding projects in alignment with Conrad Prebys's legacy interests and continuing his efforts that spark meaningful advancement in our communities. For more information, visit conradprebysfoundation.org.

The Jacobs School is grateful to be among the inaugural award recipients from the Prebys Foundation, an organization continuing the philanthropic legacy of IU alumnus Conrad Prebys.

About Conrad Prebys

A native of South Bend, Indiana, **Conrad Prebys** earned a bachelor's degree from the IU Kelley School of Business in 1955 and went on to become a highly successful real estate developer and philanthropist.

He moved to California in 1966 with \$500 in his pocket and a dream. Over the following decades, he built a real estate empire as one of the largest private owners of residential multifamily properties in San Diego County.

During his later years, he became dedicated to the community through charities—donating more than \$350 million to organizations devoted to health care, medical research, visual and performing arts, higher education, youth development, animal conservation, and more.

Before his death in 2016, he created The Conrad Prebys Foundation to perpetuate his commitment to philanthropic endeavors and ensure that his vision extended beyond his life.

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7:30pm

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The Magic Flute

W. A. Mozart



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Sixty-Eighth Program of the 2021-22 Season

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Opera Theater

presents

as its 476th production

The Magic Flute (*Die Zauberflöte*)

An Opera in Two Acts

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder

Arthur Fagen, *Conductor*

Michael Shell, *Stage Director*

Mark F. Smith, *Set and Projection Designer*

Dana Tzvetkov, *Costume Designer*

Ken Phillips, *Lighting and Projection Designer*

Walter Huff, *Chorus Master*

Julia Lawson, *German Diction Coach*

The Magic Flute was first performed at the Theater
auf der Wieden, Vienna, on September 30, 1791.

Musical Arts Center
Friday, September Seventeenth
Saturday, September Eighteenth
Friday, September Twenty-Fourth
Saturday, September Twenty-Fifth
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

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Cast of Characters

Pamina	Sarah Rachel Bacani	Jenna Kreider
Tamino	Yuntong Han	Gavin Hughes
Sarastro	Noah Lauer	Ben Strong
The Queen of the Night	Elise Hurwitz	Maggie Kinabrew
First Lady.	Giuliana Bozza	Malinda Wagstaff
Second Lady	Jessica Bittner	Lindsay Webber
Third Lady.	Arienne Fort Cannock	Catarine Hancock
Papageno	Anthony Josep	Ian Rucker
Papagena	Brianna Murray	Adriana N. Torres Díaz
Monostatos	Jason Edelstein	Lucas Newman-Johnson
Speaker	Marvin Allen	Edmund Brown
First Armored Man	Cody Boling	Jon Marc Olivier
Second Armored Man	Theo Harrah	Drew Comer
First Spirit	Alexandra Branton	Victoria Schemenauer
Second Spirit	Caroline Goodwin	Rachel Mauney
Third Spirit	Evri Bailey	Regan Poarch
First Priest	Nicholas Stevens	Nicholas Stevens
Second Priest	Joseph Canter	Joseph Canter

Program Notes

by Mingfei Li

Ph.D. Musicology Student

The Magic Flute premiered on September 30, 1791, at a Viennese suburban theater, Theater auf der Wieden, with a libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder and music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The theater was built in 1787 and was used for opera performances until 1801. As a librettist, a comic actor, and the theater's impresario, Schikaneder wrote librettos and created original roles on stage for several German singspiels ("plays with music") premiered at Theater auf der Wieden. Adapted from *Lulu, oder die Zauberflöte* ("Lulu, or the Magic Flute") from Christoph Martin Wieland's fairy-tale collection *Dschinnistan*, Schikaneder and Mozart's *The Magic Flute* belonged to Theater auf der Wieden's fairy-tale-singspiel tradition, which usually featured a fairy-tale world with non-human characters, objects with magical powers, and a quest completed by a noble hero and his travel companion.

There are traditionally two pairs of main characters in late-eighteenth-century operas, a serious noble couple and a comic peasant couple. In *The Magic Flute*, Tamino and Pamina are the noble couple; Papageno and Papagena are the comic peasants. Tamino's and Pamina's arias are about absent lovers and unrequited love. Early in Act I, in his aria "Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd schön," Tamino sings of his affection for Pamina when looking at her portrait. Late in Act II, in her aria "Ach, ich fühl's," Pamina expresses grief, believing that Tamino has abandoned her. Juxtaposed with Tamino and Pamina's profound love story, the one between Papageno and Papagena is comical, with Papagena first appearing in disguise as an old lady. In their short duet "Pa, pa, pa" in the Act II finale, Mozart set the music with patter declamation to provide comical effects suitable for the couple.

Schikaneder often created magical objects in his fairy-tale librettos. In *The Magic Flute*, they are the flute and the glockenspiel. When Tamino and Papageno play these magical instruments, the music is part of the story, heard not only by audience members in the theater, but also by characters on stage. Schikaneder also wrote non-human characters for his fairy-tale worlds, usually consisting of an animal role, genies, and opposing personages with godly or magical powers.

A *Papagei* (German for "parrot") who does not stop chattering, Papageno is both a bird-catcher and bird like, making him the "animal character" of *The Magic Flute*. This is a type often associated with the travel companion in Schikaneder's fairy-tale quests. Papageno's association with animals heightens the differences in social status and character between him and Tamino. Throughout *The Magic Flute*, the two display contrasting wishes and desires. Tamino longs for love and seeks truth from the Initiates, whereas Papageno only wants food, drink, and a wife. Tamino's high-minded wishes and Papageno's corporeal desires reflect their respective roles and status. Unlike Tamino, a prince, Papageno has to work as a bird-catcher for the Queen in exchange for sustenance. As a peasant for whom starvation and thirst can be of considerable concern, Papageno's proletarian identity becomes a reason for his desires during his quest with Tamino.

Mozart wrote distinct musical styles for the genies and godly characters in *The Magic Flute*. The three boys are the genies in this opera. When they appear in the Act I finale, Act II trio, and Act II finale, their simple and tuneful melodies feature dotted rhythms in moderate tempi and are accompanied by combinations of flutes, clarinets, and bassoons, a type of instrumentation for the genies also seen in other fairy-tale singspiels such as *Der Stein der Weisen*. The godly characters with ruling powers in *The Magic Flute* are the Queen of the Night and Sarastro, the leader of the Initiates and priest to the gods Osiris and Isis. For Sarastro, Mozart wrote music that sounds devotional. Sarastro's aria with chorus at the beginning of Act II depicts a religious ceremony. In this scene, Mozart included trombones in the orchestration, instruments typically used in late-eighteenth-century operas for otherworldly beings, to signify the presence of the gods Osiris and Isis. Mozart set Sarastro's other aria, "In diesen heiligen Hallen," as a strophic hymn, assigning the same music to two stanzas of text, in slow tempo and with simple phrase structures.

The Queen of the Night's arias are about her divine status as the sovereign of her realm. During the Queen's recitative and aria in Act I, no other character on stage speaks or sings. Her singular vocal presence shows her dominion. Her famous aria in Act II, "Der Hölle Rache kocht in meinem Herzen," is an expression of her fury. In both arias, Mozart wrote long coloratura flourishes in the highest range of the soprano voice to display the extremes of vocal timbre and highlight the Queen's ruling power as a female sovereign.

Monostatos's music is in the *stilo alla turca*, a style meant to evoke Janissary band music, the music of the Turkish military and state ceremonies. Catered to the audience's fondness for the "exotic" but with little connection to the actual Ottoman Empire, "Turkish" characters were portrayed in a distorted fashion as violent and sexually driven. Yet they were also comic roles. Mozart combined drums, piccolos, and cymbals with simple harmonies, rhythms, and textures for the *stilo alla turca*. The deliberately loud, simplified, and even absurd sounds of "Turkish" music made the Ottomans appear less threatening to an Austrian audience, who feared the military threat of the Ottoman Empire.

In *The Magic Flute*, representations of social classes, genders, and ethnicities were products of eighteenth-century views distant from twenty-first-century values. The characters and music display conventional traits of late-eighteenth-century operas and Theater auf der Wieden's fairy-tale singspiels. However, these conventionalities did not undermine the spectacle of *The Magic Flute*, but rather demonstrated Mozart's subtle and extraordinary command of musical styles for character portrayals.



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7:30pm

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2:00pm

7:30pm

FALL BALLET

A LEAP FORWARD



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Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

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Fall Ballet “A Leap Forward”

In Creases

Choreography by Justin Peck

Music by Philip Glass

Staged by Michael Breeden

Chaconne

Choreography by Sasha Janes

Music by Johann Sebastian Bach

Für Alina

Choreography by Edwaard Liang

Music by Arvo Pärt

Staged by Carla Körbes

Donizetti Variations

Choreography by George Balanchine

Music by Gaetano Donizetti

Staged by Kyra Nichols

Alice Trent, *Lighting Designer*

Musical Arts Center

Friday Evening, October First, Seven-Thirty O’Clock

Saturday Afternoon, October Second, Two O’Clock

Saturday Evening, October Second, Seven-Thirty O’Clock

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7:30pm



The Coronation of Poppea

C. Monteverdi





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Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Opera Theater

presents

as its 477th production

The Coronation of Poppea (*L'incoronazione di Poppea*)

An Opera in a Prologue and Three Acts

Music by Claudio Monteverdi

Libretto by Giovanni Francesco Busenello

Kevin Murphy, *Conductor*

Candace Evans, *Stage Director*

Mark F. Smith, *Set Designer*

Dana Tzvetkov, *Costume Designer*

Alice Trent, *Lighting Designer*

Walter Huff, *Chorus Master*

Tatiana Lokhina, *Associate Music Director*

Lino Mioni, *Italian Diction Coach*

Cori Ellison, *Supertitle Author*

The Coronation of Poppea was first performed at the
Teatro Santi Giovanni e Paolo, Venice, in 1642.

Auer Concert Hall
Friday, October Sixteenth
Saturday, October Seventeenth
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

Cast of Characters

Poppea	Deepa Johnny	Chase Sanders
Nero	Elise Miller	Savanna Webber
Otho	Andrew Durham	Alexander Kapp
Arnalta	Nathan Krishnaswami	Tislam Swift
Drusilla	Anna Donnelly	Elizabeth Queen
Seneca	Gabriel Hernandez	Marcus Peterson
Cupid	Raelee Gold	Beatrice Kim
Virtue	Jimin Jeong	Claire Ryterski
Fortune	Elleka Okerstrom-Drew	Frances van Vuuren
Octavia	Ashlyn Brown	Shir Ordo
First Soldier	Elijah Bowen	Elijah Bowen
Second Soldier	Jonathan Elmore	Jonathan Elmore
Lady-in-Waiting	Elleka Okerstrom-Drew	Frances van Vuuren
Page	Jimin Jeong	Claire Ryterski

Program Notes

by Jacqueline Westerduin

Ph.D. Musicology Student

One of history's most morally ambiguous operas, *The Coronation of Poppea* brims with contradiction. Together, librettist Giovanni Francesco Busenello and composer Claudio Monteverdi blur the boundaries between good and evil. In *Poppea*, desire clouds rational judgment. As a result, audiences may find themselves struggling with the dichotomy between the opera's moral lessons and its music's beauty. We recognize the protagonists' actions as reprehensible yet are intoxicated by their music. Despite ourselves, we desire to see their love fulfilled and cannot help but feel satisfied by Nero and Poppea's ultimate union, though we are also disconcerted by the devastation it has left in its wake.

The Coronation of Poppea was written for the 1643 Venetian opera season. Monteverdi uses the combination of noble, speech-like recitative and lyrical, song-like aria to shape the personalities of the characters and to reveal intentions hidden behind the text. The dialogue between the opera's main characters, Poppea and Nero, is almost exclusively in song, rather than recitative. The combination of lyricism, pacing, and chromaticism charges their musical themes with a sense of eroticism that emphasizes the lovers', especially Poppea's, sensuality. Thus, the audience is as entranced by song as Nero is by Poppea.

We can contrast Poppea's music with that of her rival, Nero's wife, Octavia. Abandoned by love, she is one of the most complex characters in the opera. Her conflicting emotions and motivations express themselves almost exclusively in turbulent recitative. Unlike her historical counterpart, in the opera, she is both victim *and* villain. Recitative's declamatory style best expresses her reaction to events outside her control. After being discarded by Nero, Octavia laments being a scorned queen and makes a shockingly blunt feminist statement against men's tyranny. Later, she will plot to murder Poppea. Significantly, one of the few moments in which she sings lyrically occurs in the second stanza of "Disprezzata Regina." While singing about Poppea, she embodies her rival's intoxicating sensuality before returning to alternating states of despair and rage. Octavia is the dramatic opposite to the proactive and seductive Poppea, and so it follows that she is also the lyrical enchantress's musical antithesis.

The opera opens with a conflict between Cupid and rival gods Virtue and Fortune, and, initially, we are led to believe that the message of the opera is the triumph of love. However, we are soon met with the duplicity of love's victory. At least four lives are taken during the course of the opera preceding Poppea and Nero's marriage. Furthermore, seventeenth-century audiences would have known the cruel fate awaiting Poppea just a few years afterward. The confounding message of the opera is mostly the product of the librettist, Giovanni Francesco Busenello, an active member of the prominent Venetian intellectual group, the *Accademia degli Incogniti*. The *Incogniti* maintained a philosophy of strict skepticism, interrogating the existence of God and Christian morality. Members of the *Incogniti* chose to live a libertine lifestyle, reveling in earthly pleasures and moral ambivalence. Reading the libretto from their perspective helps us to understand the opera's unabashed, albeit contradictory, celebration of sensual passion.

One of the core conventions of the Incogniti was a mistrust of appearances, especially beauty, which masks a person's true inner reality. To quote a member, the Venetian historian Simone Luzzatto, "The human soul is made up of a mosaic, which appears to form a single idea, and on closer inspection, shows itself to be made up of various fragments of small stones . . ." Busenello employs the mosaic analogy in crafting the characters of *Poppea*.

One such multifaceted character is Nero's advisor, Seneca. Although supposedly the voice of virtue, other characters refer to him in negative or mocking terms; the guards describe him as a sly opportunist, and Nero dismisses him as a madman. Even more disparagingly, as an advisor, he is impotent, and his counsel is repeatedly ignored. Monteverdi's music, however, reveals a certain sympathy for the philosopher. Seneca's song in Act 2, Scene 1, "L'uscir di vita è una beata sorte," is saturated with musical pathos. Musicologist Ellen Rosen says this song "shifts into triple meter and a beautifully arched stepwise melodic line of successively smaller curves descends to a cadence, sealing Seneca's happy acceptance of his fate and emphasizing his union with the gods." Furthermore, at his death, Seneca's followers sing a lament so highly imbued with chromaticism, a musical trope traditionally associated with serious expressive intent, it communicates genuine mourning. Despite his reputation, by accepting his death, Seneca finally puts into practice the stoicism he preached. This music's sincerity reflects an alignment between the philosopher and his philosophy. However, the ensuing trio, derived from an earlier madrigal, has an inappropriate canzonetta-like tone. His followers' liveliness contradicts Seneca's sincerity and repudiates his stoic teachings, implying that Seneca's counsel for virtue over desire has once again gone unheeded.

Early opera was a collaborative genre; evidence suggests that Monteverdi's contemporaries contributed to the piece, treating it as a living document as opposed to an unchangeable work. To this point, although sources indicate it is not Monteverdi's own composition, the opera closes with the deliciously sensuous duet between Poppea and Nero, "Pur ti miro, pur ti godo." The yearning dissonances between the interweaving voices are set over a simple descending bass line, depicting their adoration for and erotic infatuation with one another. The duet encapsulates the essence of the opera: love is an intoxicating and sometimes disturbing force, which, when given power over reason, is capable of subjugating Virtue, Fortune, and in Poppea's case, all of Rome.



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ballet productions.

The Coronation of Poppea

by Claudio Monteverdi

(Program Supplement)

Cast of Characters

Friday, October 15

Nerone	Elise Miller
Poppea	Deepa Johnny
Arnalta	Nathan Krishnaswami
Nutrice	Tislam Swift
Ottone	Alexander Kapp
Drusilla	Elizabeth Queen
Seneca	Gabriel Hernandez
Damigella	Elleka Okerstrom-Drew
Valletto	Claire Ryterski
Ottavia	Shir Ordo
Amore	Raelee Gold
Virtú	Jimin Jeong
Fortuna	Frances van Vuuren
Lucano	Benjamin Bird
Liberto	Zhihui Pang
Littore	David Le
First Soldier	Elijah Bowen
Second Soldier	Jonathan Elmore

Saturday, October 16

Savanna Webber
Chase Sanders
Tislam Swift
Nathan Krishnaswami
Andrew Durham
Anna Donnelly
Marcus Peterson
Frances van Vuuren
Jimin Jeong
Ashlyn Brown
Beatrice Kim
Claire Ryterski
Elleka Okerstrom-Drew
Benjamin Bird
Zhihui Pang
David Le
Elijah Bowen
Jonathan Elmore

Opera Chorus

Elijah Bowen
Carson Breon
Jonathan Elmore
Lucas Hickman
Nathaniel Paul
Logan Skirm
Bennett Spotts
Ethan Upchurch
Charles Vega
Steven Warnock

Director's Notes

by Candace Evans

Monteverdi, an innovator in the world of opera, was in his later years when he wrote *The Coronation of Poppea* in 1643. Having witnessed years of plague and challenge, he wove a story of life, death, passion, and history, all spun through a web of royal power and intrigue. Life circumstances intertwine and change with each note of the harpsichord.

In considering my approach to this production, I reflected on the many times that I have directed in Italy. It is a country of ancient cathedrals, resplendent with frescoes and marble statuary, adjacent to piazzas filled with espresso bars, where the designer-clad sip their breakfast, and trendy teens zip by on Vespas. It is a world merged into perfect layers of humanity, where classic truths endure, and history lives visibly on, regardless of each modern innovation.

This is the world that we invite you into tonight. Let the ancient Gods and Goddesses of Love, Virtue, and Fate show you a story that is as new as it is old. Welcome to 1643 in 2021.

Synopsis

by Andrew Voelker

D.M. Student in Collaborative Piano

Prologue

The skies open to reveal the heavenly beings Fortune, Virtue, and Cupid. They argue with each other over whose power is greater among the earthly and heavenly realms. Cupid is declared the victor. He promises to show the power of Love in the plot that follows.

Act 1

Cupid wakes his puppet, the emperor's head guard, Ottone. He is returning to the home of his lover, Poppea. As Ottone looks for a glimpse of his love, he sees two guards. He realizes they are standing guard while the emperor, Nerone, is inside. Ottone hides while the guards ward off their weariness. As dawn breaks, Nerone bids Poppea farewell to avoid being caught in infidelity. He promises to find a way to divorce his wife, Ottavia, and raise Poppea to the throne.

Meanwhile, Ottavia sings of her despair from a despised and loveless marriage. Her cries are overheard by the philosopher Seneca and the accompanying Page. Seneca tries to console her with his philosophy of stoic acceptance in fortitude, but such acquiescence is not the solution Ottavia seeks.

Now alone, Seneca ruminates on the nature of kings and the power that corrupts them. Nerone interrupts his soliloquy by announcing his plan to remove Ottavia from her position. Seneca cautions the emperor to exercise reason and careful consideration. Nerone is not to be convinced, however, and their argument drives him into a fit of rage.

After driving out the pompous philosopher, Nerone is left alone with Poppea. In the course of her sensual charms, he promises her again to raise her up as empress. She speaks slander against Seneca, causing Nerone to call a messenger to order Seneca's death that very day.

Ottone, who was listening unnoticed, confronts Poppea. His attempts to dominate her are met with unflinching resilience. Poppea tells him in no uncertain terms that she will marry Nerone. In his devastation, Ottone retreats to his former love, Drusilla, who wants him to turn his affections back to her. He agrees to give himself over but still feels his heart yearn for Poppea.

Act 2

Seneca reflects on the peaceful happiness of solitude. His thoughts are interrupted by the arrival of Nerone's messenger. Seneca receives the news of his ordered death calmly and assures himself that his fate is to join the righteous gods in heaven. His friends and followers beg him not to die, but he bids them farewell.

Meanwhile, a plot begins to unfold. The empress Ottavia confronts Ottone with the demand that he kill Poppea. She orders him to put on women's clothing so as to infiltrate Poppea's inner circle. Ottone, fearful for his life and dreading the task, reluctantly agrees. He tells Drusilla of the harrowing task he must face and promises her his heart's affection. She agrees to offer her clothes and bids him leave with caution.

In her garden, Poppea rejoices in the death of Seneca and the now clear path for her ascension. She feels sleep encroaching and bids her attendants leave. As she rests, Ottone slips into the garden disguised in Drusilla's clothing. He raises the knife to stab her, but Cupid suddenly appears to freeze his hand. Poppea awakes, guards rush in as Ottone flees, and Cupid celebrates his grand victory.

Act 3

Drusilla eagerly awaits news of Poppea's death. She is suddenly confronted by Nerone's guards, who seize her for murder. Nerone furiously questions her motive to commit betrayal. Eventually, Drusilla decides to confess in order to protect Ottone from the emperor's wrath. As she is about to be taken away, Ottone reveals himself and confesses the crime he committed by order of the empress. Nerone, seeing that his plan is working out favorably, agrees to spare Ottone's life but banishes him and Ottavia from Rome. He offers clemency and praise to Drusilla for her noble defense, but she chooses to be exiled with her love.

The deposed Ottavia grieves bitterly as she departs her homeland forever. Meanwhile, Poppea's nursemaid, Arnalta, celebrates her impending elevation of status.

With no more barriers to overcome, Nerone declares the ascension of Poppea to the consuls and tribunes. This chorus of the people and the senate confirms the coronation of Poppea to all of Rome and the world. As they depart with their respects paid, Nerone and Poppea sing a final duet of Love.

Artistic Staff

(Supplement)

Associate Music Director



Pianist **Tatiana Lokhina** was born into a musical family in Moscow, Russia, where she earned degrees in piano performance from the Ippolitov-Ivanov Music Institute and in German pedagogy from the Moscow State Linguistic University. Lokhina is a winner of numerous Russian and international prizes. She has performed at the Moscow Conservatory, Paul Dukas Conservatory in Paris, and Musikhochschule Hamburg, and has appeared in concerts in Italy, Austria, Germany, and the U.S. She earned her master's degree in collaborative piano from Lynn University and is ABD with her D.M. in collaborative piano at the IU Jacobs School of Music. Her principal teachers include Lisa Leonard, Anne Epperson, and Kevin Murphy. Lokhina has worked with Joshua Bell, Lynn Harrell, Martin Katz, Elmar Oliveira, Mauricio Fuks, Carol Vaness, and many others. She recorded the unpublished works for violin and piano by Beethoven for NAXOS, made an album of songs by women composers with soprano Chloe Boelter, and was featured as the harpsichordist in the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra DeHaan Virtual Baroque series. Lokhina has appeared at Summer Opera Tel Aviv, SongFest, Fall Island Vocal Arts Seminar, and the International Society of Bassists convention. She is involved in an ongoing performance project of the complete violin sonatas of Johannes Brahms with violinist Grigory Kalinovsky.

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Elise Miller was most recently seen this past summer at the Vienna Summer Music Festival in St. Petersburg, Florida, performing Virginia Woolf in a staged premiere of *The Loathly Lady* and participating in an improvisational opera version of *Carnival of the Animals*. Other performance credits include Beth March in *Little Women* (IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater), La Ciesca in *Gianni Schicchi* (Music On Site, Inc.), Silly Girl and Enchanted

Object in *Beauty and the Beast* (Woodlawn Theatre), Susanna in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and Kate Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly* (Mediterranean Opera Festival). Miller also premiered the role of Jean in a contemporary opera called *The War Bride* by composer Nathan Felix at Luminaria: San Antonio Arts Festival in 2018. She was a resident artist with OPERA San Antonio from 2016 to 2020, regularly sang for its educational outreach program, and performed in the choruses of *Tosca*, *Faust*, *La Traviata*, and *Carmen*.



Savanna Webber started her M.M. in Voice Performance studies in fall 2019 under the tutelage of Heidi Grant Murphy. A native of Stuart, Florida, Webber has performed on the Musical Arts Center stage as Suor Genovieffa in Puccini's *Suor Angelica* (2020), Giannetta in Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love* (2019), Echo in Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos* (2018), and in several opera choruses, including *Parsifal* (2019), *Dialogue of the Carmelites* (2019), *West Side Story* (2018), *It's a Wonderful Life* (2017), *The Music Man* (2017), and *Madama Butterfly* (2016). She earned her B.M. in Voice Performance from Jacobs in 2019 under Brian Horne.

Poppea



Mezzo-soprano **Deepa Johnny** is originally from Muscat, Oman. She is a second-year master's student in the voice performance program at the IU Jacobs School of Music, currently studying with Carlos Montané. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music at Burman University in Alberta, Canada, under the tutelage of Wendolin Pazitka Munroe. Most recently, Johnny was a winner in the Western Canada District of the Metropolitan

Opera National Council auditions. In the 2020-21 season, she sang the role of Rosina in the IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater production of *The Barber of Seville*, Lauretta in *Gianni Schicchi*, and Xerxes in *Xerxes*. She currently serves as an associate instructor of voice at the Jacobs School.



Born and raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, soprano **Chase Sanders** is pursuing a Master of Music in Voice Performance under the instruction of Heidi Grant Murphy. Chase was most recently seen in the IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater production of *The Turn of the Screw* (Governess). She earned her Bachelor of Music degree at West Chester University (WCU), where she performed the role of Mother in WCU Opera Theatre

and Uptown Theatre Alliance's production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. She also performed the role of Mrs. Jenks/Splinters in WCU's production of *The Tender Land*. Other appearances include the role of Brigitta (cover) in the Russian Opera Workshop's production of *Iolanta* and soloist in the WCU Symphony Orchestra's Concerto Competition Winner's Concert.

Arnalta/Nutrice



Tenor **Nathan Krishnaswami** is a Massachusetts native at the IU Jacobs School of Music in his final year of the Master of Music in Voice Performance program, studying with Jane Dutton. With IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater, he has performed as King Ouf in *L'Étoile* and Snowboy in *West Side Story*. Most recently, he appeared as a chorus member in the IU Jacobs Opera productions of *Parsifal*, Bernstein's *Mass, The Music Man*, and *Florencia en el Amazonas*. He has also sung Krzysztof Penderecki's oratorio *St. Luke Passion* at Jacobs, and he was the tenor soloist in Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* conducted by Betsy Burleigh.



A native of Brooklyn, New York, tenor **Tislam Swift** has performed on a wide array of concert stages as well as in theaters and opera houses. He discovered his love for opera while he was a member of the 2013-14 season of the Atlanta Opera Chorus under the direction of Walter Huff. In 2014, Swift participated in the Princeton Opera Festival production of *Porgy and Bess*. He has made IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater appearances in *La Bohème*, *South Pacific*, *The Barber of Seville*, *Carmen*, *Parsifal*, as Dr. Blind in *Die Fledermaus*, as Marcellus Washburn in *The Music Man*, as Scaramuccio in Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*, and, most recently, as a Street Singer in Bernstein's *Mass*. As a young artist, Swift has spent a summer at the Utah Festival Opera Musical Theater performing in productions of *Ragtime*, *Porgy and Bess*, and *Peter Pan*. He has been a World-Premiere Artist with the Negro Spiritual Scholarship Foundation. Passionate about bringing music to the community, he was recently a featured artist in the City of Bloomington's People's Park Concert Series, highlighting art songs and spirituals by Black composers. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree from Morehouse College and a Master of Music from the IU Jacobs School of Music, where he is a doctoral student under the tutelage of Russell Thomas. Swift is an associate instructor for the IU African American Choral Ensemble under the direction of Raymond Wise.

Ottone



Baritone **Andrew Durham**, from Paducah, Kentucky, is a second-year master's student at the IU Jacobs School of Music under the tutelage of Timothy Noble. In the 2020-21 season, Durham made his IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater debut as John Brook in *Little Women*. He earned a bachelor's degree in vocal performance at the University of Louisville (UofL), studying with Chad Sloan. At UofL, Durham performed as Brack Weaver in *Down in the Valley* and Aeneas in *Dido and Aeneas*. In addition, he appeared as a soloist in the Bach Magnificat with the UofL Sinfonietta at the National Theater of Costa Rica and performed with the UofL Symphony Orchestra as winner of the 2019 Aria Competition. He participated as a studio artist at the SongFest summer program of 2018 and appeared as Antonio in *Le Nozze di Figaro* at the Cincinnati Conservatory Opera Bootcamp while performing in its concert of Mozart scenes and arias.



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Alexander Kapp, originally from Louisville, Kentucky, is pursuing a Doctor of Music degree at the Jacobs School of Music, studying under Timothy Noble. Kapp earned a Master of Music degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) under the instruction of Thomas Baresel. While at CCM, Kapp appeared as Masetto and Zurga in its fall and spring scene galas and as Ford in the workshop production of Verdi's *Falstaff*. He was recently a vocal institute fellow with the Music Academy of the West, where he performed in its scenes concert as well as the role of Thomas in its west-coast premiere production of Jennifer Higdon's *Cold Mountain*. Other roles include Dottore Malatesta from Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* with CCM's Summer Opera Program and Top in Copland's *The Tender Land* with the University of Louisville Opera Theater. He was a finalist in the 2020 Opera Grand Rapids Vocal Competition and an Encouragement Award winner in the 2020 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Middle/East Tennessee District.

Drusilla



Anna Donnelly is a soprano from Cincinnati, Ohio. She made her IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater debut in 2018 as Sister Constance in *Dialogues of the Carmelites*. She has also appeared in several IU Jacobs Opera choruses, including *La Bohème*, *Parsifal*, *The Three Hermits*, and *The Elixir of Love*. Other credits include Zweiter Knabe in *The Magic Flute* with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and the titular role in *Patience* with the University Gilbert & Sullivan Society. With Bloomington Chamber Opera, she has performed in *Liebestrennung: Love's Separation*, *The Magic Flute*, and most recently as Giannetta in *The Elixir of Love*. At the Jacobs School, she has been a member of the University Singers and has also performed as a featured soloist with NOTUS Contemporary Vocal Ensemble. Donnelly was the first-prize winner in the undergraduate voice division of the Indianapolis Matinee Musicale Scholarship Competition in February 2019. She is pursuing a Master of Music degree at Jacobs under the tutelage of Heidi Grant Murphy.



Coloratura soprano **Elizabeth Queen** is known for her dynamic singing and her commanding stage presence. In her appearance as Königin der Nacht in Prague Summer Nights Festival's production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, *OperaWire's* review praised her "tremendous presence" on stage, describing her coloratura singing as "sharp as the dagger she forced into Pamina's hands." In addition to multiple performances as Königin der Nacht, she has held the roles of Le Feu (*L'enfant et les sortilèges*), Frasquita (*Carmen*), and Gianetta (*The Elixir of Love*) with Berlin Opera Academy, Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, and Numi Opera Theatre, respectively. She was the winner of the California Women's Chorus's Vocal Competition in 2017 and is a recipient of the Emerging Artist Award from the Long Beach Camerata Singers. A student of Carol Vaness, Queen is pursuing a Master of Music in Voice Performance at the IU Jacobs School of Music.

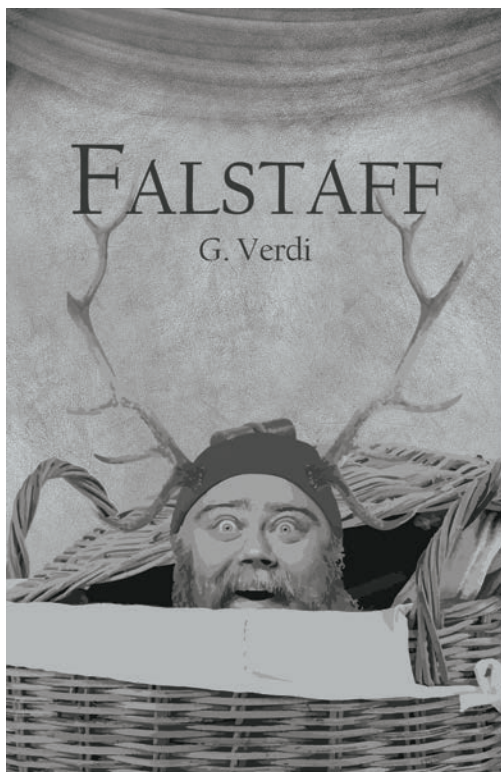
Seneca



Gabriel Hernandez is an operatic bass from Harlingen, Texas. Having spent most of his life studying piano, he decided to pursue a degree in piano performance at Texas Tech University. After taking voice lessons for two years there under the tutelage of Gerald Dolter, he decided to change majors to vocal performance. Since then, Hernandez has performed in the chorus of *The Mikado*, *Dido and Aeneas*, and *Orfeo ed Euridice*. He has also performed the roles of Betto in *Gianni Schicchi*, Sarastro in *The Magic Flute*, Commendatore in *Don Giovanni*, Frank Maurant in *Street Scene*, and, most recently, Don Alfonso in *Così fan tutte*.



Bass-baritone **Marcus Peterson**, from West Bloomfield, Michigan, is pursuing master's degrees in voice and choral conducting at the IU Jacobs School of Music, currently studying with Timothy Noble. Peterson earned a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance with a Teaching Certification from the University of Michigan. He is director of music at First Christian Church in Martinsville, Indiana, and has performed throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and South Africa in various choirs, operas, and musical theater productions. His recent roles include Bartolo in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Pirate King in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*, Balthazar in Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, and Alidoro in Rossini's *La Cenerentola*.



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Damigella/Fortuna



Soprano **Elleka Okerstrom-Drew** is a first-year doctoral student who has recently moved to Bloomington after spending the last two years performing and teaching in the Kansas City area. She has performed with the chorus of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City in its productions of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* and in Moravec's *The Shining*. Recent roles include Papagena in Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and Morgana in Handel's *Alcina*. She earned a Master of Music in Voice Performance degree from the IU Jacobs School of Music, where she performed in several productions, including *Peter Grimes*, *Florencia en el Amazonas*, *Oklahoma!*, and *Dead Man Walking*. In addition to operatic performances, she has sung with several professional choral ensembles, including the Dallas Chamber Choir and the Highland Park Chorale.



Frances van Vuuren, soprano, is a native of Cape Town, South Africa, pursuing a Master of Music in Voice Performance degree under the tutelage of Alice Hopper. In fall 2018, van Vuuren made her IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater debut performing the role of Sandman in *Hansel and Gretel* and has been in the Jacobs productions of *L'Étoile*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and *La Traviata*. In summer 2019, she performed the role of Bianca in *La Rondine* and partial roles in *Falstaff* and *Der Schauspieldirektor* with Chicago Summer Opera. Last spring, she premiered the role Ona Lukoszaite-Rudis in John William Griffith's operatic adaptation of Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*. She was recently seen as the First Spirit in Bloomington Chamber Opera's production of *The Magic Flute*, and she participated in Utah Vocal Arts Academy's summer season, where she covered Eurydice in *Orpheus in the Underworld* and performed scenes from *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Elixir of Love*.

Valletto/Virtú



Noted for clarity and warmth of voice, soprano **Jimin Jeong** is a second-semester master's student studying with Carol Vaness at the IU Jacobs School of Music. Jeong earned a B.M. cum laude from Seoul National University. She is an honors graduate from the music oriented Sunhwa Arts middle and high schools. In 2019, she sang in a blessing concert, and in 2018, she won the grand prize at the City Philharmonic Orchestra Competition. From 2013 to 2014, Jeong won first prize at the nineteenth *Classical Music* magazine and the twenty-sixth Korean Voice competitions.



Claire Ryterski is a 24-year-old graduate student at the IU Jacobs School of Music studying voice performance in the studio of Patricia Stiles. This is her debut operatic role at Jacobs. She was most recently seen in the opera chorus for *Little Women* (October 2020), presenting a master's recital in April 2021, and performing several opera scenes with the studios of Patricia Stiles and Brian Horne in June 2021.

Ottavia



Mezzo-soprano **Ashlyn Brown** is pursuing a Performer Diploma in Voice Performance in the studio of Carol Vaness. Born in Palm Springs, California, she has had roles with IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater as Amastre in *Xerxes*, Cherubino in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel*, Berta in *The Barber of Seville*, and Aloès in *L'Étoile*. She has also appeared in six IU Jacobs Opera choruses, most recently in

La Traviata. She has performed as Third Lady in the Chicago Summer Opera's production of *The Magic Flute* and as Mad Margaret in the University Gilbert and Sullivan Society's *Ruddigore*. This year, she was a finalist in the Pasadena Vocal Competition and the first-prize winner in the National Society of Arts and Letters Voice Competition (Bloomington Chapter). In 2020, she received the Bonnie Bell Encouragement award from the James Toland Vocal Arts Competition. In 2019, she was recognized with an Encouragement Award from the Illinois District in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Competition. Oratorio performances include alto soloist in the Carmel Symphony's Mozart Requiem at the Palladium in Carmel, Indiana. In spring 2021, Brown recorded the role of Marija Berczynskas in *The Jungle*, a new opera based on the book by Upton Sinclair, with the New Voices Opera, which will make its film debut in fall 2021.



Mezzo-soprano **Shir Ordo**, born and raised in Israel, is in her second year at the IU Jacobs School of Music working toward a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance under the tutelage of Heidi Grant Murphy. Ordo was last seen as Arsamene in the IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater production of *Xerxes*. Prior to Jacobs, she served as an Outstanding Musician representing the Israeli Defense Forces, performing as both a

vocalist and a violinist. As a classical singer, she has performed solos with Ensemble PHOENIX and the Ludovice Ensemble, and a duet with countertenor Andreas Scholl. She was a finalist in the Ben Haim Competition, an Israeli competition for outstanding young musicians. Her non-classical performances include the leading role in the play *Hakuzari* at the Temuna Theater in Tel Aviv and numerous solo appearances before various Israeli dignitaries, including the Israeli president. She has been featured at many international venues, including the Palais des Congrès de Paris (with the Prague National Symphony Orchestra) and the Saban Theatre at the Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts. In 2017, she released an original pop album in Israel. As a violinist, Ordo has participated in master classes and played with the Young Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Tel Aviv Soloists Ensemble, and Galilee Chamber Orchestra, traveling to perform in Germany, Austria, and South Korea. In her first year at Jacobs, she sang in the opera choruses for IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater's *Little Women* and *La Bohème*.

Amore



Soprano **Raelee Gold** is a third-year doctoral student studying with Brian Horne. Last fall, she made her IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater debut singing the role of Amy in *Little Women*. She was the recipient of the Wilfred C. Bain Scholarship in Opera for the 2020-21 academic year. A native of Dallas, Texas, Gold earned a master's degree with dual emphasis in voice performance and pedagogy from Westminster Choir College,

where she appeared in *L'enfant et les sortilèges* (La Princesse and Le Feu) and *The Bartered*

Bride (Ludmila). While at Westminster, she also appeared with CoOPERative Opera in *La Traviata* (Annina). She earned a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance degree from Texas Tech University, where she appeared as Suor Genovieffa in Puccini's *Suor Angelica* and Damigella, Virtù, and Pallade in Monteverdi's *The Coronation of Poppea*. In concert, she has sung the soprano solos in Handel's *Messiah*, Faure's Requiem, Poulenc's *Gloria*, Mozart's Requiem, and Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*. She was a soloist with Tri-Cities Opera's interdisciplinary recital project *Installation | Music* in 2018 and was featured in Westminster Choir College's Art Song Festival in 2016 and 2017.



Soprano **Beatrice Kim** is the recipient of the Marilyn Horne Performance award. Kim has won top prizes at numerous competitions, including the Music Teachers National Association Young Artist state division competition, Naftzger Young Artist Audition, National Association of Teachers of Singing Oklahoma District competition, and Texoma District competition. She was featured as the winner of the University of Oklahoma (OU) Concerto Competition and performed with the OU Symphony Orchestra. In addition, she has received numerous scholarship awards, including the OU Opera Guild Undergraduate Scholarship Award, Laurelwood Endowed Scholarship Award, and the Mary L. Finley Memorial Vocal Scholarship. She has sung such roles as Susanna in the Eastman School of Music's production of scenes from Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* (2021), Laura in Polly Pen's *Goblin Market* (2020), L'Enfant in OU's production of Ravel's *L'enfant et les sortilèges* (2018), Hansel in Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* (2017), La Conversa and La Cercatrice in Puccini's *Suor Angelica*, and Ella in Cimarron Opera's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Patience* (2016). Kim's upcoming international itinerary includes the role of Susanna in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* at the Prague Summer Nights Young Artists Music Festival in Prague in 2022. She is currently working toward her Performer Diploma in Voice Performance at the IU Jacobs School of Music under the tutelage of Carol Vaness. Before coming to Jacobs, Kim studied with Robert Swensen at Eastman (M.M. in Vocal Performance and Literature) and Kim Josephson at the University of Oklahoma (B.M. in Vocal Performance).

Lucano



Tenor **Benjamin Bird** is originally from Palmdale, California. A doctoral student studying with Peter Volpe, Bird earned a master's degree in voice from Brigham Young University, where he appeared in *The Barber of Seville* (Almaviva), *Manon* (des Grieux), *The Elixir of Love* (Nemorino), *Die Fledermaus* (Alfred), and *The Pirates of Penzance* (Frederick). He has also performed with Utah Vocal Arts Academy in its productions of *Don Giovanni* (Don Ottavio) and *Le Nozze di Figaro* (Don Basilio/Don Curzio). He was a featured soloist with Brevitas Choir on its 2016 album, *Nowell Sing We*. In summer 2019, Bird sang one of the title roles in *The Three Hermits* with the IU Summer Chorus. He has previously appeared in IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater productions of *Ariadne auf Naxos* (Tanzmeister/Brighella), *Dialogues of the Carmelites* (L'Aumonier), *Giulio Cesare* (Nireno), and *Le Nozze di Figaro* (Don Basilio).

Liberto



Tenor **Zhihui Pang** is a first-year master's student of voice at the IU Jacobs School of Music studying with Carlos Montané. Born in China, Pang studied journalism and communication at Renmin University of China for his undergraduate program. This past September, he sang in the chorus of IU Jacobs School of Music's *The Magic Flute*. This is his debut as a principal singer.

Littore



David Le is a baritone who graduated from Boise State University in 2020 with a B.A. in Music. He sings in Critical Mass Vocal Artists and at First Presbyterian Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church as a choral scholar. Le also is a member of the Opera Idaho resident company, having sung in productions such as *Tosca*, *The Great American Songbook* operatini, art song recitals, *Don Giovanni*, *Aida*, and *Manon*. When he is not singing opera, he croons with his jazz quartet as well as various groups around Boise. Le is pursuing a master's degree in voice performance at the IU Jacobs School of Music studying with Timothy Noble.

First Soldier



Tenor **Elijah Bowen** is a fourth-year undergraduate student at the IU Jacobs School of Music studying with Brian Horne. Bowen has also studied with Steven Rickards. A native of Logansport, Indiana, Bowen is pursuing a double major in vocal performance and choral music education. Two years ago, he debuted with IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater as Don Curzio in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*. He has also played Luiz in the University Gilbert & Sullivan Society's production of *The Gondoliers* and Corebo in Cavalli's *La Didone* with the Haymarket Opera Company of Chicago. A first-place winner in the Indiana National Association of Teachers of Singing competition, Bowen has been featured with the IU Contemporary Vocal Ensemble: NOTUS (winner of The American Prize in Choral Performance) and the Grammy-nominated Singing Hoosiers. Along with his frequent recital and small ensemble work, he currently sings tenor for the Choir of Men and Choristers at historic Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Second Soldier



Jonathan Elmore is a tenor and collaborative pianist based in Bloomington, Indiana. He has performed the roles of Tamino (*The Magic Flute*) and Ferrando (*Così fan tutte*). Partial roles include Pelléas (*Pelléas et Mélisande*), Rodolfo (*La Bohème*), Don Ottavio (*Don Giovanni*), and Roméo (*Roméo et Juliette*). Elmore graduated from Virginia Tech in 2020 and is currently pursuing an M.M. in Voice Performance at the IU Jacobs School of Music, where he is a student of Heidi Grant Murphy and Kevin Murphy.

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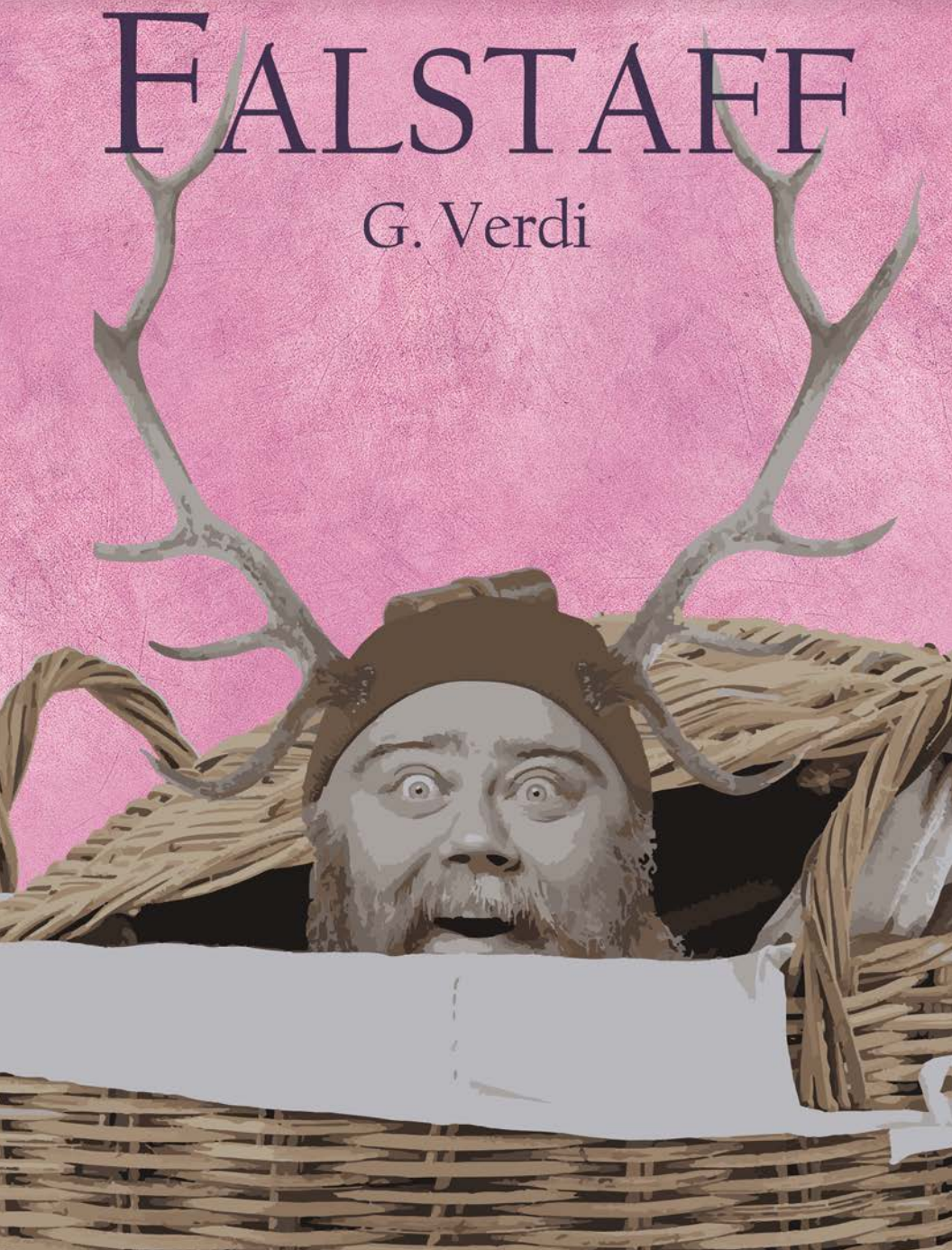
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Program Notes

by Meredith Michael
Ph.D. Musicology Candidate

Laughter is infectious. And so, it seems, is Falstaff.

Sir John Falstaff is undoubtedly a grotesque figure. He drinks too much, eats too much, associates with thieves and lowlifes, schemes to seduce married women, and indulges in all manner of vice. His physicality and even bestiality are emphasized at every turn. The very first scene of the opera has him glorying in the fatness of his body, proclaiming that his belly is his kingdom and that he must enlarge it, to which his cronies Bardolph and Pistol exclaim, "Immense Falstaff! Enormous Falstaff!" Verdi's scoring calls attention to these constant references to thinness and fatness, heaviness and lightness: for example, in the same scene, he worries that he will become thin, and his vocal line is supported thinly with only a piccolo and a cello. The opera's characterization of him as animalistic continues even to the last scene, where Falstaff admits, after much torment from the other characters, "I begin to perceive that I am an ass," his vocal line imitating the braying of a donkey. What is more, for much of the opera, the old knight seems stubbornly unaware that he is not as attractive to others as he is to himself. In Act I, Scene 1, he believes that he can successfully woo both Alice Ford and Meg Page, but any confidence we might have in his plan is immediately dashed in Scene 2, where the women mock Falstaff's identical love letters to them and pledge to get their revenge. Even Falstaff's own sidekicks, it appears, are against him, as they enter later in the scene with the rest of the men, all of them hurling insults at the wicked Sir John.

But perhaps they protest too much. Despite everyone's insistence that Falstaff is unworthy of their love or respect, they are drawn more and more into his orbit as the opera goes on. If Falstaff is a grotesque figure of vice, his characteristics seem to infect everyone around him. He concocts schemes to gain access to Alice's and Meg's fortunes, prompting a series of even more elaborate schemes, from the women's entrapment of Falstaff in Act II to the masked double wedding in Act III. He treats his friends cruelly, but they respond by dumping him in the river in Act II and escalating to blows and insults in Act III. When Quickly flatters Falstaff in Act II, Scene 1, by saying, "You bewitch them all," we are expected to see the irony in her statement, yet in some sense it is true.

Then what is so bewitching about Falstaff? The answer can perhaps be found in the strange magical play-within-a-play of the third act. If the opera had ended after Act II, the plot could have been a passable domestic opera buffa of the previous century. But this is not just a comedy in the classical sense; it is a comedy steeped in the sensibilities of romanticism. Earlier in the century, dramatist Victor Hugo had argued that the grotesque and the sublime were really two sides of the same coin, both being ways of expressing a sense of something overwhelming and beyond ordinary experience, and that great drama arose from the interplay of both. He noted that Shakespeare's plays often combined both the beautiful and the ugly, the profound and the comic, in ways that anticipated romanticism.

What Falstaff has to offer, then, is enchantment, a glimpse of something outside the staid world of the everyday. In a wonderful moment at the beginning of Act III, poor Sir John is recovering from his spill into the river Thames and takes a first sip of warmed wine. He describes good wine as a trill that starts in the eyes, rises to the brain, and continues spreading until its madness unsettles the globe and invades the entire world. As he sings, a musical trill begins in the flutes, and then the violins, and one by one, each instrument joins in until the entire orchestra is alive with the trill. Like the trill, Falstaff's sublime grotesqueness may be madness, but it is nonetheless compelling.

The other characters fully succumb to this mad enchantment in the masquerade of the third act. Nannetta is dressed as the fairy queen, all in white, singing a lyrical melody accompanied by flute flourishes, harp arpeggios, and a female choir—musical signifiers of fairy tales. But these fairies are much more dangerous than they first appear. They quickly take on the musical tropes of the demonic side of the supernatural, including fast chromatic lines, a jangling triangle, and staccato triplet statements of “pizzica” (pinch) as they poke and prod at Falstaff. Yet all's well that ends well, and despite Falstaff's repeated humiliations, we cannot help but think that he has come out on top. After all conflicts have been resolved, Falstaff leads the company in a closing fugue, proclaiming, “All the world's a joke,” in a delightful twist on Shakespeare's line. Falstaff, like the trill, has invaded the world.

One could say that Falstaff's tricksterish influence extended even to the creation of the opera itself. The librettist Arrigo Boito schemed to convince the aging Verdi to write an opera derived from Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor* by appealing to the composer's love of the English playwright and his as-yet-unfulfilled desire to write a comic opera. Verdi, whose fame in the operatic world was of Falstaffian dimensions, assented, but kept his work on the opera a secret until it could finally be revealed in full. As Verdi's final work, it seems right that its last line should be, “He who laughs last, laughs best.”



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THE NUTCRACKER





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"The Nutcracker and the Mouse King"
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Michael Vernon, *Choreographer*
Marzio Conti, *Conductor*
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The Nutcracker was first performed at the Mariinsky Theatre
of St. Petersburg on December 18, 1892.

Musical Arts Center
Thursday Evening, December Second, Seven-Thirty O'Clock
Friday Evening, December Third, Seven-Thirty O'Clock
Saturday Afternoon, December Fourth, Two O'Clock
Saturday Evening, December Fourth, Seven-Thirty O'Clock
Sunday Afternoon, December Fifth, Two O'Clock



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*Music by Duke Ellington,
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Saturday Evening
December Eleventh
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

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An Evening of William Grant Still

HIGHWAY 1, USA

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A ballet choreographed by
Sasha Janes



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Seventy-Fourth Program of the 2021-22 Season

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Opera and Ballet Theater

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as its 479th production

An Evening of William Grant Still

Highway 1, USA

An Opera in One Act

Music by William Grant Still

Libretto by Verna Arvey

Arthur Fagen, *Conductor*

Kimille Howard, *Stage Director*

Mark F. Smith, *Set Designer*

Dana Tzvetkov, *Costume Designer*

Alice Trent, *Lighting Designer*

Walter Huff, *Chorus Master*

Highway 1, USA was first performed at
Coral Gables High School, Coral Gables,
Florida, on May 11, 1963.

19

A Ballet in Three Acts

Music: *Afro-American Symphony*

by William Grant Still

Sasha Janes, *Choreographer*

Arthur Fagen, *Conductor*

Mark F. Smith, *Set Designer*

Dana Tzvetkov, *Costume Designer*

Alice Trent, *Lighting Designer*

This production of *19* marks the first
performance of the complete work.

Musical Arts Center
Friday, February Fourth
Saturday, February Fifth
Friday, February Eleventh
Saturday, February Twelfth
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

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Constantine Kitsopoulos, *Conductor*

*A Hollywood feature film and audience
favorite with live orchestral accompaniment*

Musical Arts Center
Friday, February Eighteenth
Saturday, February Nineteenth
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

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LA RONDINE

G. PUCCINI





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Seventy-Sixth Program of the 2021-22 Season

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Opera Theater

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La Rondine

An Opera in Three Acts

Music by Giacomo Puccini

Libretto by Giuseppe Adami

Based on a libretto by

Alfred Maria Willner and Heinz Reichert

Louis Lohraseb, *Conductor*

Crystal Manich, *Stage Director*

William Forrester, *Set Designer*

Linda Pisano, *Costume Designer*

Alice Trent, *Lighting Designer*

Walter Huff, *Chorus Master*

Lino Mioni, *Italian Diction Coach*

La Rondine was first performed at the Grand
Théâtre de Monte Carlo on March 27, 1917.

Musical Arts Center
Friday, March Fourth
Saturday, March Fifth
Thursday, March Tenth
Friday, March Eleventh
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

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7:30pm

SINGING HOOSIERS

Spring Concert





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Seventy-Seventh Program of the 2021-22 Season

Singing Hoosiers

Chris Albanese, Director

72nd Anniversary Season Spring Concert

Alice Trent, *Lighting Designer*

Musical Arts Center
Saturday Evening
March Twenty-Sixth
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

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A Look Back

SPRING BALLET





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Seventy-Eighth Program of the 2021-22 Season

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Ballet Theater

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Spring Ballet “A Look Back”

Swan Lake (Act II)

Choreography by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov

Music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Staged by Carla Körbes and Sarah Wroth

Agon Pas de Trois

Choreography by George Balanchine

Music by Igor Stravinsky

Staged by Kyra Nichols

Bournonvilles Suite

Choreography by August Bournonville

Staged by Karina Elver

Andrew Grams, *Conductor*

Alice Trent, *Lighting Designer*

Musical Arts Center

Friday Evening, April First, Seven-Thirty O’Clock

Saturday Afternoon, April Second, Two O’Clock

Saturday Evening, April Second, Seven-Thirty O’Clock

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7:30pm

JAZZ CELEBRATION



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Seventy-Ninth Program of the 2021-22 Season

Jazz Celebration

Jazz Celebration Big Band

Brent Wallarab, *Director*

Featuring special guests

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Emmet Cohen, *Piano*

Musical Arts Center
Saturday Evening
April Ninth
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

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H.M.S. PINAFORE

W. S. GILBERT

A. SULLIVAN



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Eightieth Program of the 2021-22 Season

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Opera Theater

presents

as its 481st production

H.M.S. Pinafore

Music by
Arthur Sullivan

Libretto by
W. S. Gilbert

Brian Eads, *Conductor*

Michael Shell, *Stage Director*

C. David Higgins, *Set Designer*

Gregg Barnes, *Costume Designer*

Alice Trent, *Lighting Designer*

Walter Huff, *Chorus Master*

H.M.S. Pinafore was first performed at the
Opera Comique, London, on May 25, 1878.

Costumes courtesy of Sarasota Opera Association

Musical Arts Center
Friday, April Fifteenth
Saturday, April Sixteenth
Friday, April Twenty-Second
Saturday, April Twenty-Third
Seven-Thirty O'Clock

Artistic Staff Biographies



Chris Albanese, Director, *Singing Hoosiers*. Chris Albanese is assistant professor of music in choral conducting and Pam and Jack Burks Professor at the IU Jacobs School of Music, where he directs the Singing Hoosiers. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Albanese comes to IU by way of San Francisco, where he was a member of the Grammy-Award-winning ensemble Chanticleer, with whom he performed at such venues as Los

Angeles' Disney Concert Hall, Vienna's Musikverein, Prague's Rudolfinum, Paris' Oratoire du Louvre, and St. Petersburg's Mariinsky Theatre. At the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), Albanese served as conductor of the Men's Chorus. Additionally, he served the roles of chorus master and assistant conductor for CCM's mainstage and undergraduate opera productions, respectively. As an educator, Albanese served on the faculties of Xavier University and Archbishop McNicholas High School in Cincinnati. He has facilitated master classes throughout the United States and Europe and has presented clinics for the Ohio Music Education Association, Music America, Chanticleer Youth Choral Festival, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Albanese's solo credits include performances with the Dayton Opera, Cincinnati Bach Festival, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Ars Musica Chicago, and the Castleton Festival. His scholarly endeavors include research in the field of vocal pedagogy and its applications within the choral rehearsal. He is currently authoring a handbook for choral conductors which draws on research in the areas of voice science, pedagogy, and choral acoustics, in order to broaden understanding of vocal production, while suggesting a set of best practices for communicating principles of free, healthy, and expressive vocalism to the solo singer in the ensemble setting. He has also researched, written, and presented on the topic of compositional technique and its relationship to missionary rhetoric in the *Missa ego flos campi* of Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla. Albanese earned his B.M. in Music Education and Vocal Performance from the University of Dayton, an M.M. in Vocal Performance from Northwestern University, and a D.M.A. in Choral Conducting from CCM.



Allan Armstrong, Opera Coach. Pianist and vocal coach Allan Armstrong is assistant professor of music in voice at the IU Jacobs School of Music, where he specializes in art song literature and opera coaching. He is also the official accompanist of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions for both the Colorado/Wyoming District and the Rocky Mountain Region. From 2017 to 2020, he was a postdoctoral scholar

and visiting assistant professor in chamber and collaborative music at the Jacobs School. He was previously a member of the applied piano faculty at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, where he codirected the nationally award-winning Bravo Opera Company. Armstrong has been a principal production pianist and coach at Eugene Opera, Opera Colorado, St. Petersburg Opera, Opera on the Avalon, Sugar Creek Opera, Tel Aviv Summer Opera Program, and Opera Tampa. He has taught on the faculty of the Sherrill Milnes Savannah Voice Festival and the International Vocal Arts Institute, in Blacksburg, Virginia. In 2005, he coached and recorded the newly revised version of Béla Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle* under the direction of the composer's son, Peter Bartók. In 2010, Armstrong was a featured solo pianist in a recital of the complete solo piano works of Pulitzer Prize-winning composer David Del Tredici at New York University Steinhardt. Armstrong earned a Doctor

of Musical Arts in Collaborative Piano degree from the University of Colorado Boulder. He also earned a Master of Music degree in Chamber Music and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Florida, where he studied with Svetozar Ivanov and Robert Helps. Armstrong holds professional memberships in the College Music Society and the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS). In 2019, he was chosen to participate in the acclaimed NATS Intern Program at the New England Conservatory.



George Balanchine (1904-1983), Choreographer, *Fall Ballet* (“Donizetti Variations”) and *Spring Ballet* (“Agon Pas de Trois”).

Born in St. Petersburg, Russia, George Balanchine is regarded as the foremost contemporary choreographer in the world of ballet. He came to the United States in late 1933, at the age of 29, accepting the invitation of the young American arts patron Lincoln Kirstein (1907-96), whose great

passions included the dream of creating a ballet company in America. At Balanchine’s behest, Kirstein was also prepared to support the formation of an American academy of ballet that would eventually rival the long-established schools of Europe. This was the School of American Ballet, founded in 1934, the first product of the Balanchine-Kirstein collaboration. Several ballet companies directed by the two were created and dissolved in the years that followed, while Balanchine found other outlets for his choreography. Eventually, with a performance on October 11, 1948, New York City Ballet was born. Balanchine served as its ballet master and principal choreographer from 1948 until his death in 1983. Balanchine’s more than 400 dance works include *Serenade* (1934), *Concerto Barocco* (1941), *Le Palais de Cristal*, later renamed *Symphony in C* (1947), *Orpheus* (1948), *The Nutcracker* (1954), *Agon* (1957), *Symphony in Three Movements* (1972), *Stravinsky Violin Concerto* (1972), *Vienna Waltzes* (1977), *Ballo della Regina* (1978), and *Mozartiana* (1981). His final ballet, a new version of Stravinsky’s *Variations for Orchestra*, was created in 1982. He also choreographed for films, operas, revues, and musicals. Among his best-known dances for the stage is “Slaughter on Tenth Avenue,” originally created for Broadway’s *On Your Toes* (1936). The musical was later made into a movie. A major artistic figure of the twentieth century, Balanchine revolutionized the look of classical ballet. Taking classicism as his base, he heightened, quickened, expanded, streamlined, and even inverted the fundamentals of the 400-year-old language of academic dance. This had an inestimable influence on the growth of dance in America. Although at first his style seemed particularly suited to the energy and speed of American dancers, especially those he trained, his ballets are now performed by all the major classical ballet companies throughout the world.



August Bournonville, Choreographer, *Spring Ballet* (“Bournonvilles Suite”).

August Bournonville, born in Copenhagen in 1805, was a dancer and choreographer who directed the Royal Danish Ballet for nearly 50 years and established the Danish style based on bravura dancing and expressive mime. He studied under his father, Antoine Bournonville, one of the major dancers of his day, before going to Paris for further training

under August Vestris and Pierre Gardel. After appearances at the Paris Opera and in London, Bournonville returned to Copenhagen as a soloist and choreographer for the Royal Danish Ballet. A strong dancer with excellent elevation and an accomplished mime, he emphasized these qualities in his ballets. His choreographic style also reflected the pre-Romantic approach of his teacher Vestris. Many of his ballets have remained in the repertoire

of the Royal Danish Ballet for more than a century. Bournonville also directed the Swedish Royal Opera at Stockholm (1861-64) and staged several of his works in Vienna (1855-56). In 1877, after his return to Denmark, he retired and was knighted. He died on November 30, 1879, in Copenhagen. (*Portrait by Louis Aumont, 1828*)



Michael Breeden, Stager, *Fall Ballet* (“In Creases”). Michael Sean Breeden trained at the School of American Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, and Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet before joining Miami City Ballet in 2006. In the 12 years he danced with the company, he performed principal roles in the works of George Balanchine, Jerome Robbins, Justin Peck, Alexei Ratmanský, Twyla Tharp, Paul Taylor, and Liam Scarlett.

Breeden also performed with Boston Ballet, Suzanne Farrell Ballet, Oregon Ballet Theatre, and Pennsylvania Ballet. In 2016, he started the podcast *Conversations on Dance* with cohost Rebecca King Ferraro. The podcast has enjoyed residencies at the Vail Dance Festival, Kennedy Center, and San Francisco Ballet, and now has more than 100 episodes. In 2018, Breeden began to stage the works of Justin Peck at companies around the world.



Kimberly Carballo, Opera Coach. Kimberly Carballo is coordinating opera coach for IU Jacobs School of Music Opera and Ballet Theater and a faculty member in the Chamber and Collaborative Music Department. She is also an active international performer and educator. Carballo has previously worked as the mainstage and young artists program coach for the Compañía Lírica Nacional de Costa Rica, and music theory instructor

and vocal coach at the Conservatorio Musical de Alajuela, Escuela de Artes Musicales de la Universidad de Costa Rica, and Universidad Nacional in Costa Rica. In addition to her duties at the Jacobs School, she maintains a private studio as a freelance coach, collaborator, and piano teacher. She is founder and director of Reimagining Opera for Kids, a music community engagement and education program based in Bloomington, Indiana. Carballo also forms part of the inaugural and ongoing team for Tunaweza Kimuziki (Through Music All is Possible), a project promoting exchange among music educators, scholars, and performers in Kenya and the United States. (*Photo by Synthia Steiman*)



Christian Claessens, Ballet Master, *Fall Ballet* (“Donizetti Variations”) and *Spring Ballet* (“Agon Pas de Trois”). Christian Claessens is lecturer in ballet at the IU Jacobs School of Music. He began his ballet training at the Conservatoire de la Monnaie. In 1978, he came to New York on scholarship to the School of American Ballet and the American Ballet Theatre School. After graduating, he performed with the Kansas City Ballet

and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. In 1984, he returned to Europe as a member of the Dutch National Ballet. As a soloist, Claessens toured internationally with Stars of the American Ballet, Stars of the New York City Ballet, Stars of the Hong Kong Ballet, and Kozlov and Friends. In 1991, he cofounded the Scarsdale Ballet Studio with Diana White. In 1999, he codirected the International Ballet Project with Valentina Kozlova and White, both of New York City Ballet. In 1998, he took over the directorship of the Purchase Youth Ballet. He was the director of La Leçon: Christian Claessens School of Ballet in Westchester, New York.



Emmet Cohen, Piano, *Jazz Celebration*. Multifaceted American jazz pianist and composer Emmet Cohen is one of his generation's pivotal figures in music and the related arts. *DownBeat* magazine praised the "nimble touch, measured stride, and warm harmonic vocabulary" he employs to communicate with other musicians and audiences at what he terms "the deepest level of humanity and individuality." Leader of the

Emmet Cohen Trio and creator of the Masters Legacy Series, Cohen is an internationally acclaimed jazz artist and dedicated music educator. He is the winner of the 2019 American Pianists Awards and the Cole Porter Fellow of the American Pianists Association. He is also an artist-in-residence at the University of Indianapolis and was a finalist in the 2011 Thelonious Monk International Piano Competition. Cohen has appeared at major international jazz festivals, Lincoln Center's Rose Hall, and Washington's Kennedy Center, and has headlined at the Village Vanguard and other major New York City jazz clubs. For many years, he was Hammond B-3 Organist-in-Residence at Harlem's SMOKE jazz club. During the COVID-19 lockdown, he created Live from Emmet's Place, a weekly livestream that received millions of internet views worldwide. A Suzuki piano student at age three, Cohen earned jazz piano degrees from the Manhattan School of Music (M.M.) and the University of Miami (B.M.). A Mack Avenue artist, he has performed, recorded, or collaborated with Ron Carter, Benny Golson, Jimmy Cobb, George Coleman, Jimmy Heath, Tootie Heath, Houston Person, Christian McBride, Kurt Elling, Billy Hart, Herlin Riley, Lea DeLaria, and Bill T. Jones.



Marzio Conti, Conductor, *Falstaff* and *The Nutcracker*. Music director of the Oviedo Philharmonic (OFIL) from 2011 to 2017, Marzio Conti received recognition and the acclaim of audiences and critics for his achievements in guiding the growth of the orchestra to new artistic heights, notably with OFIL's recordings of the complete symphonic works of Saint-Saëns for Warner Classics. Conti has earned numerous awards

and has been named a juror for the arts prize of the prestigious Premios Asturias. Among his generation's leading exponents of the flute, Conti performed with major orchestras and made numerous recordings through the mid-1990s, after which he devoted himself to conducting. A student of Piero Bellugi, Conti quickly received engagements as a permanent director of various Italian and foreign orchestras. He conducts both opera and the symphonic repertoire and collaborates with leading international dance companies as well as major soloists. Conti has appeared as a guest conductor throughout Europe at such notable venues as the Rome Opera, Theater Dortmund, and London's Wigmore Hall. He has conducted numerous orchestras, including Orchestra Haydn, Orquesta de la Comunidad de Madrid, Brandenburger Symphoniker, Korean National Symphony Orchestra, and Haifa Symphony Orchestra (Israel), to name a few. He has collaborated with a host of soloists, including Barbara Hendricks, Bryn Terfel, Misha Maisky, Midori, Lin Harrell, Sabine Meyer, and Jean-Pierre Rampal. Through recordings, broadcast media, and live performance, Conti has worked to develop the profile and quality of several institutions. Before his work with OFIL, he was principal conductor at the Istituzione Sinfonica Abruzzese (1998-2002), music director of the Philharmonic Orchestra of Turin (2001-04), music director of the Teatro di Tradizione per l'Opera Italiana of Chieti (2003-08), and artistic director of the Orchestra Sinfonica di Sanremo (2004-10). When he stepped down as OFIL's music director, the city of Oviedo awarded Conti the Gold Medal of the Auditorium Prince Felipe in recognition of his extraordinary contributions. Since 2014, he has collaborated as guest conductor and visiting professor with the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.



Brian Eads, Conductor, *H.M.S. Pinafore*. Brian Eads' guest conducting credits include the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, North Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Princeton Festival Orchestra, and Lima Symphony Orchestra. His orchestral arrangements have been performed by the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and Chorus, Madison Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Nashville Symphony Orchestra, and Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He earned his Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting from Florida State University and his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Delta State University. Eads is the current music director and conductor of the *Les Misérables* North American Tour.



Karina Elver, Stager, *Spring Ballet* ("Bournonvilles Suite"). Karina Elver was born in 1962 in Copenhagen, Denmark. She began to dance at the age of three, and at age nine, was accepted as a ballet student at the Royal Danish Ballet School. In 1978, she was accepted as an apprentice at the Royal Danish Ballet (RDB), and after two years, she became a dancer there. At RDB, she had many solo parts in several ballets by August Bournonville, Balanchine, Alvin Ailey, and many more. In 1992, she started to create her own choreography. In 2003, after a wonderful career of 32 years, she decided to leave the Royal Danish Theatre to work as a freelance ballet teacher/choreographer/repetiteur and Bournonville specialist. Since 2011, Elver has been working in New York and across the United States, teaching and staging Bournonville ballets.



Candace Evans, Stage Director, *The Coronation of Poppea*. Candace Evans is pleased to return to IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater, where her new production of *Florencia en el Amazonas* went on to San Diego Opera to be acclaimed as "best illustrating the composer's intent." *Akhmaten*, which she also directed at IU Jacobs Opera, was honored to be named "definitive" by the Philip Glass organization. At the legendary Teatro Colón, her *La Viuda Alegre* was named in the top three operas of the entire Argentinian season. Internationally praised for "a flawless sense of timing" (*Opera News*), whose work is "genuine gripping drama" (*Opera Now*), Evans is known for the kind of incisive storytelling she created when she wrote the libretto for *Wisdom of Stone*, which she also directed, for OperaVision Europe during the pandemic. Her own performance career included international acting tours, dancing with the Wisconsin Ballet Company, singing with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and national voice-over credits. This combination of talent illustrates why her directorial style includes the integration of musical intent, dramatic truth, and the physical life of performers. Committed to working with young artists at least once annually, she has collaborated with Yale, Carnegie Mellon, Taos Opera Institute, Oberlin, Seagle Festival, La Musica Lirica, and Shenandoah University. Past professional engagements include Dallas Opera, Santa Fe, Arizona, North Carolina, Palm Beach, Madison, and Fort Worth, as well as international tours with the Montefeltro Festival.



Arthur Fagen, Conductor, *The Magic Flute* and *An Evening of William Grant Still*. Arthur Fagen has been professor of orchestral conducting at the IU Jacobs School of Music since 2008. Additionally, he has been music director of The Atlanta Opera since 2010. He has conducted opera productions at the world's most prestigious opera houses and music festivals. From 1998 to 2001, he was invited regularly as guest conductor

at the Vienna State Opera, in addition to performances at the Metropolitan Opera, Staatsoper Berlin Deutsche Oper Berlin, Munich State Opera, and many more. On the concert podium, he has appeared with numerous internationally known orchestras. Fagen has an opera repertoire of more than 75 works. He has served as principal conductor in Kassel and Brunswick, as chief conductor of the Flanders Opera of Antwerp and Ghent, as music director of the Queens Symphony Orchestra, and as a member of the conducting staff of Lyric Opera of Chicago. From 2002 to 2007, he was music director of the Dortmund Philharmonic Orchestra and the Dortmund Opera. He and the Dortmund Philharmonic were invited to the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Palais de Beaux Arts in Brussels, and to Salzburg, Beijing, and Shanghai. Fagen conducted a new production of *Turandot* at The Atlanta Opera in 2007, opening the season and inaugurating the new opera house, the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center. He was a regular guest conductor of the Munich Radio Orchestra and guest conducted the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie, Schleswig-Holstein Festival, and many others. He was first-prize winner of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Conductors Competition as well as a prizewinner of the Gino Marinuzzi International Conductors' Competition in Italy. Fagen has recorded for BMG, Bayerischer Rundfunk, SFB, and WDR Cologne. He records regularly for Naxos, for which he has completed the six symphonies of Bohuslav Martinů. Fagen's Naxos recording of Martinů's piano concertos was awarded an Editor's Choice award in the March 2010 issue of *Gramophone* magazine.



William Forrester, Set Designer, *La Rondine*. Previously for IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater, William Forrester designed *The Most Happy Fella*, *La Rondine*, *Der Rosenkavalier*, *The Merry Widow*, and *South Pacific*. Among the regional theaters he has designed for are The Alliance Theatre (Atlanta); the Alabama, Colorado, and Utah Shakespeare festivals; Arizona Theatre Company; Denver Center Theatre; Honolulu Theatre

for Youth; Kansas City Rep; Utah Festival Opera; and Yale Rep. Forrester also designed *The Three Sisters* for The American University in Cairo and has designed for several theaters in the Seattle area, where he resides.



Andrew Grams, Conductor, *Spring Ballet*. With a unique combination of intensity, enthusiasm and technical clarity, American conductor Andrew Grams has steadily built a reputation for his dynamic concerts, ability to connect with audiences, and long-term orchestra building. The youngest of a large mixed-race family from Severn, Maryland, he earned a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance from The Juilliard School and, in 2003,

a conducting degree from the Curtis Institute of Music, where he studied with Otto-Werner Mueller. Grams served as assistant conductor of The Cleveland Orchestra from 2004 to 2007, where he worked under the guidance of Franz Welser-Möst. From 2014 to 2020, Grams served as music director of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. He was the winner of

2015 Conductor of the Year from the Illinois Council of Orchestras and has led orchestras throughout the United States, including the Houston Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, and the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, and St. Louis. Abroad, he has worked with symphony orchestras of Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Sydney, Melbourne, Barcelona, and New Zealand, among many others. He has led multiple performances of New York City Ballet's *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*® and the first performances of the new production of *The Nutcracker* for the Norwegian National Ballet in Oslo. Also an educator, Grams has worked with orchestras at institutions such as the Curtis Institute of Music, Cleveland Institute of Music, Indiana University, Roosevelt University, National Orchestral Institute at the University of Maryland, and Amsterdam Conservatory. An accomplished violinist, he was a member of the New York City Ballet Orchestra from 1998 to 2004, serving as acting associate principal second violin in 2002 and 2004. Grams has also performed with such ensembles as the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra of St. Luke's, Brooklyn Philharmonic, and the New Jersey Symphony, as well as with chamber music ensembles around the country.



C. David Higgins, Set Designer, *The Nutcracker* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

Born in Bloomington, Indiana, and raised not two blocks from campus, C. David Higgins started his theatrical studies at IU intent on becoming an actor/dancer before he discovered his love for scenic design. He studied with the famous C. Mario Cristini and became proficient in the Romantic-Realist style of scenic design and painting. After earning his master's degree, Higgins joined the staff of Indiana University Opera Theater and worked as master scenic artist from the time the Musical Arts Center opened in 1971 until his retirement in December 2011. He was appointed to the faculty in 1976 and served as chair of the Opera Studies Department and principal designer for Opera Theater. His design credits throughout the United States include the San Antonio Festival, Memphis Opera, Norfolk Opera, Louisville Opera, Detroit Symphony, Canton Ballet, and Sarasota Ballet as well as many other venues. His Indiana University productions have been seen throughout North America as rentals by major regional opera companies. His many international credits include the Icelandic National Theater; Ballet San Juan de Puerto Rico; Korean National Opera; Seoul City Opera; Korean National Ballet; Dorset Opera (England); Teatro la Paz de Belém, Brazil; and the Teatro Nacional de São Paulo, Brazil. He has designed the scenery for the world premiere of *Our Town* (Ned Rorem), the American premieres of *Jeppe* (Sandström) and *The Devils of Loudun* (Penderecki), and the collegiate premieres of *Nixon in China* (Adams) and *The Ghosts of Versailles* (Corigliano) as well as many other operas and ballets. Known for his Italianate painting style, *Opera News* magazine has referred to Higgins as one today's finest American scenic artists.



Kimille Howard, Stage Director, *An Evening of William Grant Still* ("Highway 1, USA").

Kimille Howard is a New York-based director, deviser, writer, and filmmaker. She is an assistant stage director at the Metropolitan Opera and recently worked on the James Robinson production of *Porgy and Bess*. She is artistic director of the Lucille Lortel Theatre's NYC Public High School Playwriting Fellowship and a cofounder of the Black Classical Music Archive. Directing credits include Joseph Bologne's *The Anonymous Lover* (Wolf Trap Opera), *Death By Life* (White Snake Projects), Mona Monsour's

In the Open (Western Connecticut State University), Chesney Snow's *Soil Beneath* (Primary Stages/59E59), Pascale Armand's *\$\$/thole Country Clapback* (Loading Dock Theatre), *The Fellowship Plays* (Lucille Lortel Theatre Foundation), Jeesun Choi's *A Light Staggering* (Ensemble Studio Theatre), Rodney Witherspoon II's *Tidwell: or the Plantation Play* (Samuel French OOB Short Play Festival winner), *Low Power* by Jon Kern (EST), *Black Girls are from Outer Space* by Emana Rachele (National Black Theatre), Dominique Morisseau's *Skeleton Crew* (TheatreSquared), and Gabriel Jason Dean's *Triggered* (Cherry Lane Theatre). Howard was named Best Director at the 2016 Thespis Festival for Joseph Krawczyk's *It's All About Lorrie* at the Hudson Theater and remounted the production for a commercial run at the American Theater of Actors in 2017. Her work has also been seen at the Circle in the Square Theatre Circle Series, Queens Theatre, Juilliard, The Flea, The Lark, JAGFest, New York University, Sea Dog Theater, Atlantic Acting School, and CLASSIX/The Lewis Center, among others. She was assistant director for Broadway's *Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations*. Recent fellowships include New York Theatre Workshop 2050 Fellowship and the Manhattan Theatre Club Jonathan Alper Directing Fellowship. She has produced shows at the HERE Arts Center, FIAF, and more. Howard is a current member of The New Georges Directors Jam, a participant in New York Stage and Film's inaugural NYSAF NEXUS project, and a former resident director at the Flea Theater. She is the series producer for American Opera Project's *Music as the Message*.



Walter Huff, Chorus Master, *The Magic Flute*, *The Coronation of Poppea*, *Falstaff*, *An Evening of William Grant Still* ("Highway 1, USA"), *La Rondine*, and *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

Walter Huff is professor of choral conducting and faculty director of opera choruses at the IU Jacobs School of Music. He served as chorus master for the Atlanta Opera for more than two decades, leading the renowned ensemble in more than

125 productions, with critical acclaim in the United States and abroad. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from the Oberlin Conservatory and a Master of Music degree from Peabody Conservatory (Johns Hopkins). He studied piano with Sarah Martin, Peter Takács, and Lillian Freundlich, and voice with Flore Wend. After serving as a fellow at Tanglewood Music Center, he received Tanglewood's C. D. Jackson Master Award for Excellence. Huff served as coach with the Peabody Opera Theatre and Washington Opera, and has been musical director for The Atlanta Opera Studio, Georgia State University Opera, and Actor's Express (Atlanta). He also has worked as chorus master with San Diego Opera. He served on the faculty at Georgia State University for four years as assistant professor, guest lecturer, and conductor for the Georgia State University Choral Society. He has served as chorus master for many IU Jacobs School of Music Opera and Ballet Theater productions, most recently, *L'Étoile*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, *West Side Story*, *The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs*, *Dialogues of the Carmelites*, *The Elixir of Love*, Bernstein's *Mass*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Parsifal*, *Suor Angelica*, *La Traviata*, *Little Women*, *The Barber of Seville*, *Xerxes*, and *La Bohème*. For four years, Huff has served as choral instructor and conductor for the Jacobs School's Sacred Music Intensive. He conducted the Jacobs Summer Music series productions of Arthur Honegger's *King David* and Stephen Paulus's *The Three Hermits*. This past summer, Huff returned for his third year as a faculty member at the Ravinia Festival's Steans Music Institute. He also maintains a busy vocal coaching studio in Atlanta. Huff and Jacobs faculty choral colleague Chris Albanese were invited to present at the American Choral Directors Association National Virtual Convention in March 2021.



Rebecca Janes, Children's Ballet Master, *The Nutcracker*. Rebecca Janes is an adjunct faculty member at the IU Jacobs School of Music. After a professional career spanning 20 years, dancing principal roles by George Balanchine, Alonzo King, Dwight Rhoden, Nacho Duato, Marius Petipa, Alvin Ailey, Twyla Tharp, Anthony Tudor, and Sasha Janes, she moved to Bloomington with her family. Before coming to Bloomington, Janes was part of the senior ballet faculty at Charlotte Ballet Academy. She has been teaching for nine years and is also on faculty at the Chautauqua Institution in New York.



Sasha Janes, Choreographer, *Fall Ballet* ("Chaconne") and *An Evening of William Grant Still* ("19"); Ballet Master ("Bournonville Suite").

Sasha Janes is associate professor of ballet at the IU Jacobs School of Music. He was born in Perth, Australia, and received his formal dance training from the Australian Ballet School. He has danced professionally with West Australian Ballet, Australian Ballet, Hong Kong Ballet, and

Dayton Ballet, performing principal roles in works by Jiří Kylián, George Balanchine, Nacho Duato, Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux, Marius Petipa, Septime Webre, Anthony Tudor, Dwight Rhoden, Alonzo King, Twyla Tharp, Alvin Ailey, and many others. At the invitation of Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux and associate artistic director Patricia McBride, Janes joined Charlotte Ballet in 2003. In 2006, he was commissioned to choreograph his first ballet, *Lascia la Spina, Cogli la Rosa*, and has since choreographed several ballets for Charlotte Ballet, including *Carmen*, *Dangerous Liaisons*, *We Danced Through Life*, *Last Lost Chance*, *Shelter*, *At First Sight*, *Loss*, *The Four Seasons*, *The Red Dress*, *Utopia*, *Playground Teasers*, *The Seed and the Soil*, *Chaconne*, *Queen*, *Sketches from Grace*, and *Rhapsodic Dances*, which was performed as part of the Kennedy Center's Ballet Across America series in June 2013. *The Washington Post* called Janes "a choreographer to watch." He was a participant in New York City Ballet's Choreographic Institute and has been a guest choreographer for Richmond Ballet's New Works Festival. He was a principal dancer with Charlotte Ballet for eight seasons before being named rehearsal director in 2007 then associate artistic director in 2012 and adding the title resident choreographer in 2013. In fall 2016, Janes premiered his ballet *Saudade* for the Jacobs School of Music, where he served as guest faculty. In spring 2017, he premiered his *Wuthering Heights* for Charlotte Ballet, inspired by Emily Brontë's classic novel. In fall 2020, he premiered the first two movements of *19* at the Jacobs School.



Constantine Kitsopoulos, Conductor, *Jacobs Live at the Movies*.

Constantine Kitsopoulos has established himself as a dynamic conductor known for his ability to work in many different genres and settings. He is equally at home with opera, symphonic repertoire, film with live orchestra, musical theater, and composition. His work has taken him all over the world, where he has conducted the major orchestras of North

America, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, and the Tokyo Philharmonic. In addition to Kitsopoulos's engagements as guest conductor, he is music director of the Festival of the Arts Boca, general director of Chatham Opera, and general director of the New York Grand Opera. Highlights of the 2018-19 season include his debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, return engagements with the Dallas Symphony, Detroit Symphony, New Jersey Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Houston Symphony, Toronto Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Louisiana Philharmonic, and San Antonio Symphony. Kitsopoulos has

developed semi-staged productions of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*, for which he has written a new translation, *Don Giovanni*, and *La Bohème*. For IU Jacobs Opera Theater, he has conducted productions of *Falstaff*, *Die Fledermaus*, *A View from the Bridge*, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *The Most Happy Fella*, *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma!*, *The Music Man*, *The Last Savage*, and Bernstein's *Mass*. He was assistant chorus master at New York City Opera from 1984 to 1989. On Broadway, Kitsopoulos has been music director of *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess* (cast album on PS Classics), *A Catered Affair* (cast album on PS Classics), *Coram Boy*, *Baz Luhrmann's Production of Puccini's La Bohème* (cast album on DreamWorks Records), *Swan Lake*, and *Les Misérables*. He was music director of ACT's production of Weill/Brecht's *Happy End* and made the only English-language recording of the piece for Sh-K-Boom Records. Kitsopoulos is music director/supervisor of a new musical theater piece titled *Alamo*, with music and lyrics by Jacobs Distinguished Professor Timothy Noble.



Carla Körbes, Stager/Ballet Master, *Fall Ballet* (“Für Alina”) and *Spring Ballet* (Act II of “Swan Lake”). Carla Körbes is professor of ballet at the IU Jacobs School of Music. Körbes was born in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and began training at the age of five. In 1996, Peter Boal encouraged her to come to the United States to study at the School of American Ballet. She joined New York City Ballet as an apprentice in

1999 and was made a member of the corps de ballet in 2000. She was promoted to soloist in 2005 and joined Pacific Northwest Ballet (PNB) as a soloist later that year. She was promoted to principal dancer at PNB in 2006 and retired from the company in 2015. Körbes danced numerous ballets by George Balanchine, Jerome Robbins, Christopher Wheeldon, William Forsythe, Alexei Ratmanský, and Twyla Tharp, and performed classical works including *Swan Lake*, *Giselle*, and *Don Quixote*. Before joining the Jacobs School of Music faculty, Körbes served as associate director of the L. A. Dance Project and taught at the Colburn School in Los Angeles. (Photo by Patrick Fraser)



Julia Lawson, German Diction Coach, *The Magic Flute*. Julia Hoffmann Lawson earned her B.A. in German from the University of Wisconsin and her M.A. and Ph.D. in German Literature from Indiana University. She has lived and studied in Germany and Switzerland and spends as much time there as she can. She taught German language and literature for many years at Indiana University, Northern Virginia Community

College, and Georgetown University, as well as for private language contractors in the Washington, D.C., metro area. She and her husband returned to Bloomington in 2002, where, from 2004 until 2016, she worked as a lecturer in the IU Department of Germanic Studies and pursued her interest in literary translating. In 2010, she received IU's Distinguished Teaching Award for part-time faculty. Her connection to the Jacobs School of Music deepened in 2018, when she designed and began teaching German for Musicians, a hybrid course for Jacobs graduate students. Lawson served as German diction coach for IU Opera Theater starting with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* in 2008 and, most recently, for *Ariadne auf Naxos* in 2018.



Edwaard Liang, Choreographer, *Fall Ballet* (“Für Alina”). A former dancer with New York City Ballet and Nederlands Dans Theater, Edwaard Liang has built an international reputation as a choreographer. Over the last decade, he has created work for the Bolshoi Ballet, Houston Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Kirov Ballet, New York City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Shanghai Ballet, Singapore Dance Theatre, and Washington Ballet. Born in Taipei, Taiwan, and raised in Marin County, California, he began his dance training at age five with Marin Ballet. After studying at the School of American Ballet, he joined New York City Ballet in 1993. That same year, he was a medal winner at the Prix de Lausanne International Ballet Competition and won the Mae L. Wien Award. By 1998, he was promoted to soloist. In 2001, Liang joined the Tony Award-winning Broadway cast of *Fosse*. His performance in *Fosse* was later televised nationally in the PBS *Great Performances* series episode “Dance in America – From Broadway: Fosse” and subsequently released on DVD. By 2002, Liang was invited by Jiří Kylián to become a member of the acclaimed Nederlands Dans Theater (NDT) 1. While dancing with NDT 1, Liang discovered his passion for choreography. Since establishing himself as a choreographer, his works have been performed by dance companies around the world, and he has won numerous awards, including the 2006 National Choreographic Competition. In 2013, he was named artistic director at BalletMet, where he continues to choreograph new works for companies both domestically and abroad. In 2017, he received an Emmy Award for his short dance film *Vaulted*. In 2018, he created a new ballet with Roberto Bolle for the opening of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.



Louis Lohraseb, Conductor, *La Rondine*. Conductor Louis Lohraseb, whose recent performances of both opera and symphonic work have garnered praise from *Opera News*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Berkshire Review*, made his professional conducting debut in 2019 at Teatro dell’Opera di Roma, leading performances of *Carmen*. Additional engagements in the 2021-22 season include debuts with the Komische Oper Berlin, conducting *La Traviata*, and with Semperoper Dresden, leading performances of *Carmen*. He also returns to LA Opera this season as assistant conductor to music director James Conlon. Highlights of recent seasons include conducting the LA Opera Orchestra in Hitchcock’s *Psycho* and serving as assistant conductor for Teatro dell’Opera di Roma’s production of *Billy Budd* and LA Opera’s production of *Nabucco*. A student of Lorin Maazel and James Conlon, the latter whom he assisted at the 2014 Ravinia Festival in productions of *Don Giovanni* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Lohraseb was selected as the 2016 Conducting Fellow at the Chautauqua Music Festival. In 2018, he was an assistant conductor at the Glimmerglass Festival for *The Barber of Seville* and *West Side Story*, after which he joined the Domingo-Colburn-Stein Young Artist Program at LA Opera. Currently a doctoral candidate at the Jacobs School of Music, Lohraseb has studied under Arthur Fagen, David Effron, and Kevin Murphy, and served as assistant conductor and opera coach for IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater. As the 2013 Conducting Fellow at the Yale School of Music, he studied with Shinik Hahm and served as assistant conductor to the Yale Philharmonia under such musicians as Peter Oudjian, John Adams, and Krzysztof Penderecki. During his time at Yale, Lohraseb founded the Amadeus Orchestra, served as music director of the Cheshire Symphony Orchestra, and was a conducting fellow at the Castleton Festival in Virginia in 2014. Born to Iranian and Italian parents, he earned his master’s degree in conducting from Yale University and graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Geneseo.



Glenda Lucena, Children's Ballet Master, *The Nutcracker*. Glenda Lucena is a world-renowned professional ballet teacher and repeteur. She brings her insight, excellence, and spirituality into every studio. She has served as ballet master at Miami City Ballet, taught consistently for the Chautauqua Institution, and served as both faculty and repeteur for the Jacobs School of Music Ballet Department.



Crystal Manich, Stage Director, *La Rondine*. Crystal Manich is a versatile Latinx international creative leader whose over 70 works for stage and screen have been seen across the United States, Argentina, and Australia. Her short bilingual film script, *Desconocer*, was an official selection and finalist of the 2019 Oaxaca FilmFest Global Script Challenge. She won the Audience Award at the 2018 Great Lakes

International Shorts Festival for her short film *L'Ivresse*, which she wrote and directed. Projects in 2021 include directing a feature film for the world premiere opera *The Copper Queen* with Arizona Opera in collaboration with Manley Films, to be released in fall 2021. She directed a multicam livestream of Daniel Catán's opera *La Hija de Rappaccini* for Chicago Opera Theatre at the Field Museum in April. She was cofounding artistic director of Opera Omnia in New York, assistant artistic director with Cirque du Soleil's *Quidam* in Brazil, and artistic director of Mill City Summer Opera in Minneapolis. Manich has directed opera productions for Santa Fe Opera, Opera San Antonio, Pittsburgh Opera, Wolftrap Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Carnegie Mellon University, Buenos Aires Lírica (Argentina), Pinchgut Opera (Sydney, Australia), and many other companies. She earned a B.F.A. in drama and a master's degree in arts management from Carnegie Mellon University. (Photo by Zach Mendez)



Lino Mioni, Italian Diction Coach, *The Coronation of Poppea* and *Falstaff*. Lino Mioni, originally from northern Italy, earned a Ph.D. in Italian Studies in 2020 from Indiana University. Previously, he taught Italian language, literature, and culture at U.S. universities including The Ohio State University and the University of Georgia as well as in Europe. With his background in Romance languages and linguistics, he has

designed and led workshops on Italian diction for singers. Among other institutions, he taught Italian and German language courses for singers at the Conservatory of Music of Coimbra, Portugal. He also served as Italian diction coach for the school's opera productions and performances. He has curated the translations of librettos and prepared the supertitles for operas such as Ranieri de Calzabigi's libretto for Gluck's *Orfeo e Euridice*, Giovanni Targioni-Tozzetti's and Guido Menasci's libretto for Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*, Ruggero Leoncavallo's libretto for *Pagliacci*, and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*. At the Jacobs School, he was Italian diction coach for *La Bohème*.



Kevin Murphy, Conductor, *The Coronation of Poppea*. Pianist Kevin Murphy is professor of music in collaborative piano and director of coaching and music administration for IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater. A leading figure in the world of classical vocal music, he has served as Jacobs faculty since 2011. He recently joined Professor Anne Epperson at the Jacobs School in creating a new collaborative piano

program. In 2011, he was appointed director of the program for singers at Ravinia's Steans

Music Institute, and 2013-14 marked his first season as artistic consultant for the Tucson Desert Song Festival. Previously, he was director of music administration and casting advisor at New York City Opera (2008-12) and director of musical studies at the Opéra National de Paris (2006-08). Murphy was the first pianist and vocal coach invited by Maestro James Levine to join the prestigious Lindemann Young Artist Program at the Metropolitan Opera, and from 1993 to 2006, Murphy was an assistant conductor at the Met. In addition to his on- and off-stage partnership with his wife, soprano Heidi Grant Murphy, Murphy has collaborated in concert and recital with numerous world-renowned artists. He is sought after and respected for his work as a private vocal coach and teacher and has guest taught at San Francisco Opera's Merola Program, the International Vocal Arts Institute in Israel and Italy, Glimmerglass Opera, Tanglewood, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and The Juilliard School. In addition to playing and teaching, Murphy has added conducting to his musical activities and is a frequent adjudicator for competitions, including the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, where he has also served as official accompanist on stage at the Met. A native of Syracuse, New York, Murphy earned a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance degree from Indiana University and a Master of Music in Piano Accompanying degree from the Curtis Institute of Music. He resides in Bloomington, Indiana, with his wife, Heidi, and their four children.



Kyra Nichols, Stager, *Fall Ballet* (“Donizetti Variations”) and *Spring Ballet* (“Agon Pas de Trois”). Kyra Nichols is professor of ballet at the IU Jacobs School of Music, where she holds the Violette Verdy and Kathy Ziliak Anderson Chair in Ballet. Nichols began her early training with her mother, Sally Streets, a former member of New York City Ballet (NYCB).

Nichols became an apprentice and then a member of the corps de ballet at NYCB in 1974 and was promoted to soloist in 1978. In 1979, George Balanchine promoted her to principal dancer, and she worked closely with both Balanchine and Jerome Robbins. She performed numerous leading roles in the NYCB repertoire, including *Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto Number 2*, *Stars and Stripes*, *Liebeslieder Walzer*, and *Davidstbündlertänze*. She has worked with an extensive list of choreographers, including William Forsythe, Susan Stroman, Christopher Wheeldon, Jacques D’Amboise, Robert La Fosse, and Robert Garland. Nichols retired from New York City Ballet in June 2007 after 33 years with the company, the longest-serving principal dancer in the company’s history. Immediately prior to joining the Jacobs School, she was ballet mistress at Pennsylvania Ballet.



Robert O’Hearn, Set and Costume Designer, *Falstaff*. Robert O’Hearn earned his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in 1943. As principal designer for IU Opera and Ballet Theater, O’Hearn designed sets and costumes for more than 40 productions and taught in the Opera Studies program for many years. Prior to coming to IU, he designed sets and costumes for the Metropolitan Opera, Vienna Staatsoper, Vienna

Volksooper, Hamburg Staatsoper, New York City Opera, Greater Miami Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Santa Fe Opera, American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, and Ballet West. O’Hearn served as professor for the Studio and Forum of Stage Design in New York from 1968 to 1988. He has given lectures and classes at Carnegie Mellon, Brandeis, and Penn State University. In 2005, he received the Robert L. B. Tobin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Theatrical Design.



Justin Peck, Choreographer, *Fall Ballet* (“In Creases”). Justin Peck is a Tony Award-winning choreographer, director, and dancer based in New York City. He is currently the acting resident choreographer of New York City Ballet (NYCB). Peck began choreographing in 2009 at the New York Choreographic Institute. In 2014, after the creation of his acclaimed ballet *Everywhere We Go*, he was appointed resident choreographer of NYCB.

He joined NYCB as a dancer in 2006. As a performer, Peck has danced a vast repertoire of works by George Balanchine, Jerome Robbins, Alexei Ratmansky, Lynn Taylor-Corbett, Benjamin Millepied, Christopher Wheeldon, and many others. In 2013, Peck was promoted to the rank of soloist, performing full-time through 2019 with the company. He has created over 40 ballets, 20 for NYCB. His works have been performed by Paris Opera Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Miami City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, LA Dance Project, Dutch National Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Houston Ballet, and Pennsylvania Ballet, to name a few. Notable collaborators include, among others, composers Sufjan Stevens, Bryce Dessner, Nico Muhly, Caroline Shaw, and Dolly Parton; visual artists Shepard Fairey, Marcel Dzama, and John Baldessari; fashion designers Mary Katrantzou, Humberto Leon, Tsumori Chisato, and Dries Van Noten; and filmmakers Steven Spielberg, Sofia Coppola, and Damien Chazelle. In 2014, Peck was the subject of the documentary *Ballet 422*, which followed him as he created New York City Ballet’s 422nd original dance, *Paz de la Jolla*. His directorial and choreographic work on film includes the feature film *Red Sparrow*, *The New York Times Great Performers* series (starring Julia Roberts, Ethan Hawke, Emma Stone, Glenn Close, and others), and the upcoming film remake of *West Side Story* (with Steven Spielberg). His accolades include the National Arts Award (2018), Golden Plate Honor from the Academy of Achievement (2019), Bessie Award for his ballet *Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes* (2015), the Gross Family Prize for his ballet *Everywhere We Go* (2014), and the Tony Award for his choreography on Broadway’s *Carousel* (2018). (Photo by Henry Leutwyler)



Marius Petipa (1819-1910), *Spring Ballet* (Act II of “Swan Lake”).

Marius Petipa, the “father of classical ballet,” began his dance training at age seven with his father, Jean Petipa, the French dancer and teacher. At the age of 16, he became principal dancer at the theatre in Nantes, where he also produced several short ballets. He danced for over 20 years as the principal dancer in Spain, Paris, Bordeaux, and Russia, where he moved in 1847 and remained for the rest of his life. Considered an excellent dancer and partner, his acting, stage manners, and pantomime were held up as examples for many generations of dancers. In 1869, Petipa became principal ballet master of the Imperial Theatre in St. Petersburg. The value of his accomplishments is astounding: in his 30 years at the Imperial Theatre, he produced 50 new ballets, revived 17 older ones, and arranged the dancing in 35 operas. Some of his most famous ballets are still being performed today: *Don Quixote*, *La Bayadère*, *Swan Lake*, and *Raymonda*, to name a few. Also, he is considered to have laid the foundation for the entire school of Russian ballet. Petipa is considered one of the greatest choreographers of all time. He researched the subject matter of the ballets he staged, making careful and detailed preparations for each production and working closely with the designer and composer. He elevated the Russian ballet to international fame and laid the cornerstone for twentieth-century ballet. His classicism integrated the purity of the French school with Italian Virtuosity.



Ken Phillips, Lighting and Projection Designer, *The Magic Flute*. Ken Phillips served as lighting specialist for the IU Jacobs School of Music from 2019 to 2021, where he designed the lighting and helped engineer the projections for almost a dozen productions. He currently works at the University of Wisconsin–Parkside, teaching lighting and projection design. Phillips earned an M.F.A. in Lighting Design from the University of Arizona and has freelanced around the country, working in mostly opera and musical theater. Samples of his work may be seen at KGPhillips.com.



Charles Prestinari, Opera Coach and Singing Hoosiers Keyboards. Charles Prestinari is senior lecturer in chamber music and collaborative piano at the IU Jacobs School of Music. Before joining the Jacobs School, he served as chorus master and music administrator of the San Diego Opera. From 2004 to 2011, he was associated with New York City Opera—first as assistant chorus master and from 2007 as chorus master—working on more than 40 different productions covering the full operatic repertoire, from the baroque period to the twentieth century. Highlights include an Emmy-winning *Live from Lincoln Center* telecast of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* and the New York stage premiere of Leonard Bernstein's *A Quiet Place*. He has also been guest conductor of the National Chorale and guest chorus master at the New York City Ballet, Manhattan School of Music, and Aspen Music Festival. While earning master's and doctoral degrees in choral conducting from the Jacobs School, he held the positions of chorus master (2001-03) and opera coach (2001-04) with IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater. He was also director of the University Chorale and the Motet Choir. From 1998 to 2001, he was assistant director and accompanist with the Singing Hoosiers.



Michael Shell, Stage Director, *The Magic Flute*, *Falstaff*, and *H.M.S. Pinafore*. Michael Shell is associate professor of voice at the IU Jacobs School of Music, where he teaches acting and opera workshops, and directs mainstage productions. His philosophy is to inform, excite, and empower his students to be the most authentic singing actors possible. Over the past two years, he has created the new core of Jacobs dramatic training courses. His productions have been praised by critics across the nation. *A Broadway World* reviewer recently commented on Shell's new production of Leonard Bernstein's *Candide*: "This production was one I could watch over and over again." Shell has directed productions for Atlanta Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, Michigan Opera Theater, Opera Omaha, Opera San José, Opera Tampa, Opera North, Virginia Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Wexford Festival Opera, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, and Houston Grand Opera. He made his international directing debut at the Wexford Festival Opera in 2010 with a production of *Winners* by American composer Richard Wargo and returned the following fall to direct *Double Trouble—Trouble in Tahiti* and *The Telephone*. He has written and directed three cabarets, including *All About Love* and *The Glamorous Life—A group therapy session for Opera Singers*, both for Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. Shell earned a B.M. and an M.M. in Music/Vocal Performance from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. He was a Corbett Scholar at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and studied acting and scene study at H. B. Studios on an H. B. Studios merit scholarship. Shell has been guest faculty and director at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts,

Florida State University, Oklahoma University, A. J. Fletcher Opera Institute, and Webster University–St. Louis, teaching opera workshops and directing full productions and workshop performances. He is also on faculty at the International Vocal Arts Institute Summer Opera Program in Tel Aviv.



Mark F. Smith, Set and Projection Designer, *The Magic Flute*; Set Designer, *The Coronation of Poppea* and *An Evening of William Grant Still* (“Highway 1, USA”). A Bloomington-based designer and scenic

artist, Mark F. Smith is director of scenic painting and properties for IU Jacobs School of Music Opera and Ballet Theater, where he has worked

on more than 100 hundred productions during the past 25 years. Design

work for Jacobs School projects includes *Florencia en el Amazonas*, *Don Giovanni*, *Ariadne auf Naxos*, *Hansel and Gretel*, Bernstein’s *Mass*, and *La Bohème*. His design for 2016’s *Florencia en el Amazonas* was featured in San Diego Opera’s 2017-18 season. In addition to work for Indianapolis Civic Theater, Butler Ballet, and Indianapolis Ballet’s company premiere production of *The Firebird*, area theatergoers will recognize his designs for more than a dozen Cardinal Stage Company shows, including *Les Misérables*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *My Fair Lady*, *Big River*, and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*. Smith earned a Master of Fine Arts in Scenic Design from the IU Department of Theatre and Drama and was a student of former Jacobs faculty C. David Higgins and Robert O’Hearn. Upcoming productions include *Swan Lake* for Indianapolis Ballet.



Irina Ter-Grigoryan, Ballet Rehearsal Pianist. Irina Ter-Grigoryan earned her degrees of piano performance, pedagogy, and accompaniment in the former Soviet Union. She served as a faculty member at the Baku State Conservatory and as an accompanist for the Azerbaijan State Theater Opera and Ballet. She was selected from a small pool of musicians to

accompany international and regional competitions representing the

Soviet Union. During her time in the United States, she has continued her work as an accompanist with the Temple Square Concert Series Recitals in Salt Lake City, Utah; University of Utah; and Ballet West Co.; and as a collaborative pianist at DePauw University. She currently holds the position of accompanist and music director with the IU Jacobs School of Music Ballet Department.



Alice Trent, Lighting Designer, *Fall Ballet*, *The Coronation of Poppea*, *Falstaff*, *The Nutcracker*, *An Evening of William Grant Still*, *La Rondine*, *Singing Hoosiers*, *Spring Ballet*, and *H.M.S. Pinafore*. Alice

Trent is lighting supervisor at the IU Jacobs School of Music. She has designed extensively throughout the Midwest and South, and has worked

as an assistant lighting designer at the Cleveland Play House, Cincinnati

Playhouse in the Park, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, The Drama League, and Town Hall Arts Center of Denver. She received the 2019 Barbizon Lighting Company Jonathan Resnick Lighting Design Award and the 2019 Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) Spiegel Theatrical Artist Award. Trent placed first in the 2019 SETC Projection Design Competition for her work on *King Charles III* and was a 2020 Gilbert Hemsley Internship Program Finalist. She earned an M.F.A. in Lighting and Digital Media Design from the University of Tennessee Knoxville.



Dana Tzvetkov, Costume Designer, *The Magic Flute*, *The Coronation of Poppea*, and *An Evening of William Grant Still* (“Highway 1, USA”). Dana Tzvetkov designs and constructs costumes for opera, ballet, and theater. Her work has recently been featured in Central City Opera’s *Tosca* (2016) and *Carmen* (2017), and the National Opera Association’s *Hagar* (2016). Her designs have appeared on Indiana University’s Musical

Arts Center stage in *Saudade*, *Carmen*, *Peter Grimes*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and *La Bohème*. She has designed rentals for Ball State Opera Theater, Mississippi Opera, DePauw University, and Butler University. Tzvetkov worked alongside Linda Pisano for Opera San Antonio to build costumes for a cast including Patricia Racette and Michelle DeYoung. She has been commissioned to create concert gowns for DeYoung and Sylvia McNair. Tzvetkov served as the costume shop supervisor for IU Jacobs School of Music Opera and Ballet Theater from 2013 until recently, when she was promoted to shop manager. She returned to Central City Opera in summer 2018 to coordinate its production of *Il Trovatore*.



Shuichi Umeyama, Opera Coach. Pianist Shuichi Umeyama is assistant professor of music in opera studies and an opera coach at the IU Jacobs School of Music. A collaborator with internationally known vocalists since 1988, he has performed numerous concerts as a soloist and accompanist. His repertoire includes concertos by Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and others, and his recitals have been broadcast

on Japan National Broadcasting (NHK). He has served as coach and accompanist for the Indianapolis Opera and Opera Memphis. In addition, he has served as an official accompanist for many competitions throughout the United States. He is a former music director of the Aoyama Theater and the Belvillage Opera Theater in Japan. Umeyama studied accompanying with violist William Primrose and earned Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music.



Michael Vernon, Ballet Master, *Fall Ballet* (“Chaconne”) and *Spring Ballet* (“Bourmonville Suite”); Choreographer, *The Nutcracker*. Michael Vernon is chair emeritus of the Ballet Department and professor of ballet at the IU Jacobs School of Music. He studied at the Royal Ballet School in London with Dame Ninette de Valois and Leonide Massine. He performed with The Royal Ballet, The Royal Opera Ballet, and the London

Festival Ballet before moving to New York in 1976 to join the Eglevsky Ballet as ballet master and resident choreographer under the directorship of Edward Villella. Vernon served as artistic director of the company from 1989 to 1996. He has choreographed for the Eglevsky Ballet, BalletMet, and North Carolina Dance Theatre, and Mikhail Baryshnikov commissioned him to choreograph the pas de deux *In a Country Garden* for American Ballet Theatre (ABT). Vernon’s solo *S’Wonderful* was danced by ABT principal Cynthia Harvey in the presence of President and Mrs. Reagan and shown nationwide on CBS television. Vernon served as the assistant choreographer on Ken Russell’s movie *Valentino*, starring Rudolph Nureyev and Leslie Caron. Vernon has taught at Steps on Broadway (New York City) since 1980 and been a company teacher for American Ballet Theatre, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Metropolitan Opera Ballet, and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. He has been involved with the Ballet Program of the Chautauqua Institution since 1996 and is the artistic advisor for the Ballet School of Stamford. He is permanent guest teacher at the

Manhattan Youth Ballet and has a long association with Ballet Hawaii. For Indiana University, Vernon has choreographed *Endless Night*, *Jeux*, *Spectre de la Rose*, and *Cathedral*, and has staged and provided additional choreography for the full-length classics *Swan Lake* and *The Sleeping Beauty*. He has choreographed for many IU Jacobs School of Music Opera Theater productions, such as *Faust* and the world premiere of *Vincent*.



Brent Wallarab, Director, *Jacobs Holiday Celebration* and *Jazz Celebration*. Composer/arranger, bandleader, and former trombonist Brent Wallarab is David N. Baker Professor in Jazz Studies and associate professor of music in jazz studies at the IU Jacobs School of Music, where he conducts Jazz Ensemble I and teaches courses in jazz arranging, composition, and jazz history. Before his appointment at the Jacobs

School, he maintained a diverse freelance career writing for or performing with artists including the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, Benny Carter, Count Basie Orchestra, Rosemary Clooney, New York Pops Orchestra, Natalie Cole, Ray Charles, Perry Como, and Bobby Short. A founding member of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, Wallarab served as lead trombonist and principal arranger from 1991 through 2008 and was appointed specialist in jazz for the Smithsonian Institution in 1993. In 1994, he cofounded the Indianapolis-based Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra (BWJO), which has given over 1,000 live performances. The BWJO has recorded eight CDs, and its 2008 release, *Basically Baker*, was named one of the top 100 jazz albums of the decade by *DownBeat* magazine. Wallarab has had an active national and international career, including performances in Canada, Italy, France, Finland, the Netherlands, England, Spain, Turkey, Egypt, South Africa, and all 50 U.S. states. He has arrangements published through Warner Bros., Kendor, and Really Good Music.



Sarah Wroth, Ballet Master, *Fall Ballet* (“In Creases”) and *An Evening of William Grant Still* (“19”); Stager/Ballet Master, *Spring Ballet* (Act II of “*Swan Lake*”). Sarah Wroth is chair of the Ballet Department and associate professor of ballet at the IU Jacobs School of Music. She began her training at the Frederick School of Classical Ballet in Frederick, Maryland. In 2003, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Ballet Performance

with an Outside Field in Education from the Jacobs School of Music. That same year, she joined Boston Ballet as a member of the corps de ballet. With the company, Wroth performed principal roles in works by William Forsythe, Jiri Kylian, Marius Petipa, Jerome Robbins, Helen Pickett, and Mikko Nissinen, and soloist roles in ballets by Sir Frederick Ashton, George Balanchine, and August Bournonville. She has performed with Boston Ballet internationally in Spain, England, South Korea, and Finland. In 2009, she was awarded the E. Virginia Williams Inspiration Award for her unwavering dedication to ballet and the Boston Ballet Company. Wroth earned a Master of Science in Nonprofit Management from Northeastern University in 2015 and retired from Boston Ballet in May 2017.



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