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SHAKESPEARE AT THE OPERA
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THE BANFF CENTRE is Canada's only learning centre dedicated to the arts, leadership development, and mountain culture. We serve the needs of accomplished artists, business and community leaders, and members of the global mountain community through year-round programs designed to enrich professional practice beyond the realm of traditional education. Each year approximately 2,500 artists come to the Centre from all over the world to engage in the rigorous investigation of their respective disciplines. The Banff Arts Festival is our opportunity to showcase the important work that happens at The Banff Centre year-round.

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WELCOME TO THE BANFF CENTRE





Welcome to The Banff Centre – Canada's only learning centre dedicated to the arts, leadership development, and mountain culture. Our unique mountain setting and multidisciplinary environment foster a commitment to personal growth and lifelong learning from artists, thinkers, and leaders.

The Banff Centre is a place where possibilities abound – where ideas are explored, collaborations are born, discoveries occur, the status quo is challenged, skills are developed, and where personal and artistic renewal takes place.

Each year, approximately 2,500 artists from around the world come to Banff to advance their careers through professional development programs in all disciplines.

Our main areas of focus:

 Professional development and training of artists and practitioners of artsrelated production or technology disciplines. Programs include creative residencies, seminars, workshops, master classes, internships, and work study opportunities.

- Professional production and performance are used as vehicles for training.
 Annual highlights include the Banff Arts Festival, the fall/winter Music & Sound concert series, and ongoing exhibitions in the Walter Phillips Gallery (studio tours / studio open houses).
- Research as it applies to culture and technology, new creativity, curatorial practices, and artistic practice.
- E-learning and the integration of other methods of off-site program delivery.

From our flagship programs in Theatre and Music, Visual Arts, and Writing, for which this institution has been known since the beginning; to newer programs in the Banff New Media Institute, in Audio, and in Aboriginal Arts, our goal remains the same – to enrich professional practice in all disciplines beyond the realm of traditional education

The performance you are about to see tonight represents several of our professional development or training programs. I hope you enjoy it and visit The Banff Centre again soon.

> JOANNE MORROW Senior Vice President, Programming The Banff Centre

WELCOME TO THE BANFF ARTS FESTIVAL



Whether you are giving or receiving, the arts have the power to stir, console, and transform the human spirit. And this transformative nature of creativity is seen most keenly in the work of young, aspiring artists, because they are themselves being transformed, even as their work touches and transforms an audience. When you see a young artist stretched to the ultimate extent of his or her perceptions and abilities, you are witnessing the thrill of creative discovery in the very moment when it occurs. I always feel extremely lucky to be there in that moment, to have an "insider's view" of the flashpoint of creativity. This is the view which you will have of today's performance.

The young artists, arts technicians, production and administrative personnel

whose work you will see at The Banff Centre have been guided by some of the supreme masters of mature artistry. Here is another unique aspect of our reality: at The Centre, the depth of experience meets the enthusiasm of youth, head-on. Years of rigorous reflection and discipline come face-to-face with fresh new dreams, with fresh new personalities, to create an atmosphere in which virtually anything seems possible, any dream can be realized – every journey, even the most arduous, is worth taking.

I welcome you to this dream, to this journey. It seems to me we are all lucky to be a part of it. Let us see what there is to discover.

> JOHN MURRELL Co-ordinating Producer, Festival 2002 Artistic Director/ Executive Producer, Theatre Arts

WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE





Hear the voice of the Bard!
Who Present, Past, & Future sees
Whose ears have heard,
The Holy Word
That walk'd among the ancient trees.

Songs of Experience
William Blake

Tonight's performance is the result of an exciting new direction for The Banff Centre's Opera as Theatre program. The brain child (or perhaps, more accurately, the love child) of Theatre Arts Artistic Director John Murrell, the re-visioned program is designed to bring a heightened focus on theatre – acting and text – to the operatic milieu. Throughout the six weeks of the program, these extremely talented young singers have immersed themselves in a creative exploration of the works of Shakespeare, both theatrically and vocally.

At the heart of this exploration, and of tonight's *Shakespeare at the Opera*, lies the boundless richness of the bard's characters. As Harold Bloom notes, "the representation of human character and personality always remain the supreme value in Shakespeare,

whether in drama, lyric, or narrative." In all four of our excerpts, we are enriched, inspired, appalled, and delighted by the infinite variety of Shakespeare's human (and superhuman) characters.

In Part I we embrace a summery vision of uncompromising love that perishes of its own idealism and intensity. We then are swept into the autumnal world of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *Falstaff*, truly one of Shakespeare's most vital creations brought to glorious life by the brilliance of Verdi's music.

In Part II, we enter a world filled with characters not only of the natural world, but beyond. From the wintry bleakness of *Macbeth* and his chilling lady, we delight in Britten's *Dream* – "filled as it is with so musical a discord and such sweet thunder." A playwright for all seasons, Shakespeare has given us an embarrassment of riches that has been both a challenge and a privilege to explore.

GLYNIS LEYSHON Program Director



THE BANFF CENTRE PRESENTS SHAKESPEARE AT THE OPERA

8 PM. MARGARET GREENHAM THEATRE

Stage Director: Music Director:

Vocal Coach:

Movement Coach:

Acting Coach:

Program Dramaturge:

Assistant Coach/Repetiteur:

Composer-in-Residence (Shakespeare at the Club)

Stage Manager:

Set Designer:

Lighting Designer:

Costume Designer: Assistant Stage Manager, Work Study:

Apprentice Stage Manager, Theatre Craft: KAREN RACE

Assistant Lighting Designer, Work Study: JEANNIE MCWHINNIE

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LORENA OROZCO

CAROLINE DUFRESNE

ROBERT ROMBOUGH

HEIDI LINGREN

DENEEN MACARTHUR

KELLY LUNN

IVAN SIEMENS, SANDY MACDONALD,

IENNIFER VILLAMERE

JAMES GROOME

CRAIG ANDERL

TOM MONTVILA

LUKE VAN DYK

Appearing courtesy of Canadian Actors' Equity Association

^{**} Appearing courtesy of Union des Artistes

[†] Appearing courtesy of American Guild of Musical Artists



SUMMER

Romeo and Juliet William Shakespeare

Edition: Oxford University Press

Roméo et Juliette

Music: Charles Gounod Words: Barbier & Carré

Edition: G. Shirmer

FINALE:

Roméo et Juliette Music: Hector Berlioz

Words: E. Deschamps Edition: Belwin Mills

The Chorus:

Romeo/Roméo: Juliet/Juliette:

Stephano: Capulet: Tybalt:

Paris/Pâris: Lady Capulet:

Mercutio:

Capulets, Montagues, Guests:

VILMA VITOLS*

JAMES MCLENNAN ALLISON BENT

JULIA BONNETT*

SEAN WATSON*
PHILIP GRANT

STEFAN FEHR

PHOEBE MACRAE*

MEGAN HILL*

VAN ABRAHAMS, * KEVIN ARMSTRONG,

JACQUI LYNN FIDLAR,* RAYANNE GONZALES,† KRISTA HOWE,** THOMAS MACLEAY,**

MAGHAN STEWART*

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The Merry Wives of Windsor

William Shakespeare

Edition: Oxford University Press

Falstaff

Music: Guiseppe Verdi Words: Arrigo Boito

Edition: G. Shirmer

Sir John Falstaff:

Bardolph/Bardolfo: Pistol/Pistola:

Alice Ford: Meg Page:

Mistress Quickly: Anne/Nannetta:

Ford:

Doctor Caius/Dottor Cajus:

Fenton: Page:

Townspeople of Windsor:

SEAN WATSON*

THOMAS MACLEAY**

VAN ABRAHAMS*

PHOEBE MACRAE*
MEGAN HILL*

JACQUI LYNN FIDLAR*

MAGHAN STEWART* STEFAN FEHR

JAMES MCLENNAN

PHILIP GRANT

JULIA BONNETT*

KEVIN ARMSTRONG, ALLISON BENT,

RAYANNE GONZALES,† KRISTA HOWE,**

VILMA VITOLS*

WINTER

Macbeth Macbeth

William Shakespeare Music: Ernst Bloch Edition: Oxford University Press Words: Edmond Fleg

Edition: Suvini Zerboni

Macbeth: KEVIN ARMSTRONG
Lady Macbeth: RAYANNE GONZALES,[†]

First Witch/Première Sorcière: PHOEBE MACRAE*
Second Witch/Deuxième Sorcière: VILMA VITOLS*

Third Witch/Troisième Sorcière: JACQUI LYNN FIDLAR*

Porter: SEAN WATSON*
Macduff: STEFAN FEHR
Banquo: PHILIP GRANT
Malcolm: JAMES MCLENNAN
Duncan: VAN ABRAHAMS*
Angus: THOMAS MACLEAY**

Nobles and Commoners: ALLISON BENT, JULIA BONNETT, *
MEGAN HILL*, KRISTA HOWE,**

MAGHAN STEWART*

Spring & Summer

A Midsummer Night's Dream A Midsummer Night's Dream

William Shakespeare Music: Benjamin Britten

Edition: Oxford University Press Words: Benjamin Britten & Peter Pears

Edition: Boosey & Hawkes

Oberon: MEGAN HILL*

Puck: MAGHAN STEWART*
Helena: KRISTA HOWE**
Hermia: JULIA BONNETT*
Lysander: THOMAS MACLEAY**
Demetrius: VAN ABRAHAMS*

Fairy Soloists: RAYANNE GONZALES,† PHOEBE MACRAE*
Fairies: ALLISON BENT, JACQUI LYNN FIDLAR,*

VILMA VITOLS*

SHAKESPEARE AT THE OPERA SYNOPSES



Romeo and Juliet/Roméo et Juliette

Long ago in Verona -

The CAPULETS and the MONTAGUES are locked in an ancient hatred.

The CHORUS reveals ROMEO MONTAGUE and JULIET CAPULET, a pair of star-crossed lovers.

At JULIET's birthday party, she is admired by her cousin TYBALT and her fiancé COUNT PARIS. CAPULET introduces his daughter to a host of admirers.

ROMEO is enraptured. He eludes his friend MERCUTIO and his servant STEPHANO, to approach her.

Both enraptured, they go into the garden.

STEPHANO, searching for his master, compares the CAPULETS to vultures, and JULIET to a dove, their prisoner.

After their night in the garden, JULIET implores ROMEO to stay – then to leave, to save himself from her family.

The CHORUS takes up their story and tells it to the tragic end:

"Only Shakespeare knew the perfect poetry of love, And he took this secret with him to Heaven."

The Merry Wives of Windsor/Falstaff

Long ago in Windsor -

That scoundrel SIR JOHN FALSTAFF tells his two cronies, BARDOLPH and PISTOL, that he is sending love letters to two married women – ALICE FORD and MEG PAGE – because they are lovely, and because they are rich.

BARDOLPH and PISTOL refuse to deliver the love letters, standing on their honour.

FALSTAFF: What is honour? A word.

What is that word "honour"? Air.

Therefore I'll none of it.

ALICE FORD and MEG PAGE receive identical love letters and share them with ALICE's daughter NANNETTA and their neighbour MISTRESS QUICKLY.

The WOMEN plan revenge on "that monstrous bag of guts", FALSTAFF.

Meanwhile, NANNETTA is pursued by the amorous FENTON.

Meanwhile, the MEN OF WINDSOR, including ALICE's husband, hear about FALSTAFF's schemes from BARDOLPH and PISTOL. The MEN swear revenge too.

SIR JOHN is lured into their trap, but turns the tables on them with this final thought:

"All the world is a jest:

He laughs best who laughs last!"

Macbeth

Long ago in Scotland -

On a blood-soaked battlefield, the victorious lord MACBETH and his friend BANQUO encounter three "unnatural hags", who predict MACBETH will soon wear the crown of Scotland.

LADY MACBETH receives the news, and her thoughts immediately turn to murder.

KING DUNCAN is received into their home. MACBETH is reluctant to shed blood, but his wife persuades him. Regicide.

The noble MACDUFF and BANQUO arrive to awaken the KING.

"O horror, horror, horror!...
Our royal master's murdered!"

Chaos. Grief, pretended and real. Flight. MACBETH's aged PORTER is left alone to reflect on the horror vet to come:

"I remember all that has happened here these seventy years.

I have seen terrible times and mysterious occurrences.

But I have not seen a night to compare with this one!"

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Long ago near Athens -

The forest is inhabited by mischievous spirits of the earth and air. PUCK, the most mischievous of all, warns the others to beware of OBERON, their king, who is in a strange mood.

OBERON appears and observes young DEMETRIUS, pursued by the unfortunate HELENA, whom he despises.

OBERON will use a magical flower to make DEMETRIUS love the girl. He enlists PUCK's assistance.

Meanwhile, HERMIA, the one whom DEMETRIUS desires, has fled from him with her true lover LYSANDER.

PUCK mistakes the sleeping LYSANDER for DEMETRIUS and anoints his eyes, so that he will fall in love with the first creature he sees upon awakening.

HELENA chases DEMETRIUS in. When he escapes from her again, she awakens LYSANDER, who is immediately smitten with HELENA. He chases her out. When HERMIA awakens, she discovers herself all alone, and goes in search of LYSANDER.

PUCK reports that he has performed his magic duties – but OBERON soon realizes a terrible mistake has been made.

OBERON and PUCK must exert unusual cunning to bring the proper couples together at last:

"Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

OPERA AS THEATRE 2002 – PARTICIPANTS





Van Abrahams Baritone

A native of Montreal and graduate of the McGill University Opera Studio, Van Abrahams made his operatic debut in 1995 as Papageno in *Die Zauberflöte* at the Liederkranz Opera Foundation, New York. In 1997, he made his European debut at the Bregenz Festival in the celebrated Götz Friederich production of *Porgy and Bess.* Van was a member of the original cast of *Show Boat*, directed by Harold Prince, and also performed in the US National Tour of *Ragtime*. In 2001, Van made his Canadian debut in *Beatrice Chancey* at the Edmonton Opera and his Mexican debut in *Scourge of Hyacinth*, for the Mexican National Opera.



Allison Bent Soprano

Originally from Truro, Nova Scotia, Allison Bent holds a bachelor of arts in music and theatre from Dalhousie University, and an artist diploma in voice performance from the University of Toronto. Allison has performed with Symphony Nova Scotia, the Dalhousie Chamber Orchestra and the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra. This fall, Allison will begin a master's in opera performance at the University of Toronto. She will be performing the role of Morgana in Handel's Alcina in November, and, in June 2003, Allison will perform the role of Susanna in Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro with the Nova Scotia Opera Association.



Kevin Armstrong Baritone

A native of Nelson, B.C., adopted Montrealer Kevin Armstrong has recently completed his master's degree in opera performance at McGill University. Some favorite roles include: Ford in Falstaff, Belcore in L'Elisir D'Amore, John Proctor in The Crucible, and Dapertutto in Les contes d'Hoffmann. Kevin's musical, Road Stories, was performed at the McGill Drama Festival, and went on to be part of the Montreal Fringe Festival in 1999. A longtime guitarist, Kevin has also released three CD's of original music, and has performed in theatres, bars, restaurants and coffee houses across Canada and the northern U.S. In September, Kevin will be a member of Zürich Opera's Opera Studio Young Artist program.



Julia Bonnett Soprano

After training at the University of Victoria, Western Washington University, and The Banff Centre, Julia joined the Seattle Opera Young Artist Program, performing in concerts and main stage productions. She has performed with Seattle Opera, Tacoma Opera and Burnaby Lyric Opera, and has appeared with Orchestra Seattle and the Vancouver Bach Choir. Most recently Bonnett sang with the World Beat band Olam, in a Klezmer Jazz Cabaret as part of Vancouver's Chutzpah! Festival. She has received many awards and has been heard on CBC Radio's West Coast Performance.



Stefan Fehr Bass-Baritone

Stefan Fehr is currently pursuing a master of music in vocal performance at McGill. With Opera McGill he has performed the roles of Figaro in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Somnus in *Semele*, Orfeo in Peri's *Euridice*, and Silvano in Cavalli's *La Calisto*. He has also performed Mercutio in Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette*, and Papageno in *The Magic Flute*, both with Summer Opera Lyric Theatre. This past season with Opera McGill Stefan appeared as Pistola in Verdi's *Falstaff*, and Nick Shadow in Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress*.



Jacqui Lynn Fidlar Mezzo-Soprano

Canadian Jacqui Lynn Fidlar began her vocal studies at the University of Calgary, continued at the University of Toronto where she was chosen as the 1995 Distinguished Graduate, and in 1999 received her masters at the academy of vocal arts in Philadelphia. She has had an extensive opera and concert career in Canada, the USA, French Polynesia and Europe. Her many roles include Azucena (Il Trovatore), Marcellina (Le Nozze di Figaro), Zita (Gianni Schicchi), Dorabella (Cosi Fan Tutte), Maddalena (Rigoletto), The Fairy Queen (Iolanthe), and Bianca (The Rape of Lucretia). Upcoming engagements include Magdalene in Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg with Seattle Opera.



Rayannne Gonzales Soprano

Born and raised in Virginia, USA, Rayanne Gonzales' family is originally from Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies. A graduate of Boston University, Rayanne's concert appearances include a recital at Weill Recital

Hall at Carnegie Hall and as a featured soloist with the Stow Festival Chorus and Orchestra, Concord Madrigals, and New Bedford Symphony. Television and radio appearances include Greater Boston Arts, CityLine, WB in the Morning, and WBUR 90.9 FM's Morning Edition. Rayanne studies with renowned soprano Maria Spacagna. She has appeared in the Boston Lyric Opera production of Akhnaten, and most recently performed Pamina in the Boston Lyric Opera/Opera New England production of The Magic Flute.



Philip Grant Tenor

Philip Grant is a recent first-class honors bachelor of music graduate at the University of British Columbia. This past fall he workshopped the title role of a new opera by Brian Current and Anton Piatagorski, Airline Icarus, commissioned by Opera Breve and The Canada Council. Philip will perform the role in its 2003 premiere. He has performed numerous operatic roles, and also performed with many of Vancouver's finest choirs (Vancouver Bach Choir, Chor Leoni Men's Choir), and orchestras (Vancouver Symphony, UBC Symphony Orchestra). Philip is delighted to have been accepted into the Manhattan School of Music, where he begins his master's degree next fall.



Megan Hill Mezzo-Soprano

Megan Hill, a resident of Toronto, is delighted to be breathing fresh air and experiencing the beauty of The Banff Centre. She is even more excited to work with the Opera As Theatre Program and perform in *Shakespeare at the Opera*. Megan recently performed Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel* with Summer Opera Lyric Theatre, and was a member of the Canadian Opera Company Chorus. Other favourite past credits include *H.M.S. Pinafore* and *The Pirates of Penzance* (Edith), both with Orillia's Sunshine Festival. Many thanks go out to her number one fans – Mom and Dad, and, of course, to vocal teacher Inna Golsband.



Krista Howe Soprano

Newfoundland soprano Krista Howe graduated from Memorial University with a bachelor of music in April 2000. This past spring, she completed a master's degree in vocal performance at McGill University. She will continue her studies at McGill this fall in the post-graduate artist diploma program. In July 1999, Krista performed Fiordiligi in Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte in Orford, Quebec. She made her McGill debut as Susanna in Le Nozze di Figaro, and most recently performed with Opera McGill in the title role of Semele by Handel. This past March, Krista performed a broadcast recital for Radio Canada's Young Artist Concert Series.



Phoebe MacRae Soprano

At home in opera, chamber music, or on the concert stage, versatile soprano Phoebe MacRae is regularly heard across Canada in live performance, and on CBC radio. She is a frequent soloist with Modern Baroque Opera, and Pacific Opera Victoria, and has appeared numerous times as a featured artist with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Pacific Baroque Orchestra, and the Victoria Symphony Orchestra. Her operatic roles include Elvira (L'Italiana in Algeri), Gretel, Eurydice (Gluck), Echo (Ariadne auf Naxos) and Sandrina (La Finta Giardiniera). Phoebe is a founding member of the esoteric and delightful duo Leave It To Diva.



Thomas Macleay Tenor

A native of Sherwood Park, Alberta, and a graduate of The University of Alberta, Thomas is thrilled to have a second opportunity to attend The Banff Centre. This past year, he played Peter Quint in Britten's *The Turn of the Screw*, and Jupiter in Handel's *Semele*, both with Opera McGill. With the McGill Savoy Society he sang Lord Tolloler (*Iolanthe*) and The Duke in *Patience*. As a featured soloist Thomas has appeared in concert with the McGill Symphony and Baroque Orchestras, performing works by Mozart, Handel, Bach, Bernier and Knopke. Thomas will sing Damon in Opera McGill's season opener, Rameau's *Les Sauvages*.



James McLennan Tenor

James McLennan recently completed his second season as an apprentice artist with Montreal Opera, where he performed Ferrando (Cosí Fan Tutte), Nemorino (L'Elisir d'Amore), Tonino (La Fille du Régiment) and The Lover (Amelia Goes To The Ball). In February 2002, he made his debut with Pacific Opera Victoria as Sesto in Handel's Julius Caesar. This year, James also appeared in concert with La Chapelle de Montreal, singing the Evangelist in Bach's St. John Passion, and the tenor solo in Mozart's Requiem. Past seasons include appearances with Vancouver Opera (Benvolio in Roméo et Juliette, Nemorino in VO's touring production of L'Elisir d'Amore), the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra (Frederic in The Pirates of Penzance), the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Opera Breve Vancouver, and the Aspen Music Festival. Following his performances in Banff, James will be travelling to Picton, Ontario, to perform the role of Anthony in Sweeney Todd by Stephen Sondheim.



Maghan Stewart Soprano

Maghan Stewart recently moved to Ottawa and her various performances include an Opera Lyra production at the National Arts Centre. She was privileged to study in Vienna last year with renowned soprano Edith Wiens. Maghan will be continuing her studies with Ms. Wiens in 2004 in Augsburg, Germany, once she completes her master's degree at the University of Ottawa. Maghan recently graduated with honours from the University of Toronto Voice Performance program.



Vilma Vitols Mezzo-Soprano

Vilma Indra Vitols's repertoire includes opera, oratorio, cabaret, and new music. Operatic credits include the title role in *Carmen*, Nancy in *Albert Herring*, Cherubino in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel*, and The Third Lady in *The Magic Flute*. Vilma has been alto soloist in many oratorios, including Bach's *St. John Passion*, the *Requiems* of Mozart and Duruflé, Penderecki's *Credo*, Raminsh's *Recordare*. As the first prize winner at the 22nd Annual Egré Competition for Voice 1999, Vilma completed a recital tour across Canada. Other performance credits include The Vamp in *Divine Comedy* for BRAVO!, and the Devil in Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*.



Sean Watson Baritone

Sean Watson has sung throughout Canada, Europe, and the Middle East, and has been a featured soloist on several international television and radio broadcasts. He was baritone soloist with Le Choeur de la Montagne in Montreal (Carmina Burana), with the Ottawa Choral Society (Israel in Egypt), and with l'Orchestre de Laval (Bach's Christmas Oratorio). Sean was bass soloist for the Ottawa Choral Society during their June 1996 European tour, which included Mozart's Requiem, performed with the Karlovy Vary Symphony Orchestra in the Czech Republic and Schubert's Mass in G, sung at a high mass in Munich, Germany.



Josh Grunmann Assistant Coach / Repetiteur

Pianist Josh Grunmann currently works as a vocal accompanist and coach at the University of Western Ontario, principally in the class of Mary Lou Fallis. He holds degrees in solo piano performance, and in French. He is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Scholarship. His first experience working in opera was as a repetiteur for Le Nozze di Figaro at the Conservatoire de Musique de Montreal. He was the rehearsal pianist for Orchestra London's presentation of Donizetti's L'Elisir d'Amore with Nathalie Paulin as Adina. Future performances include recitals with Theodore Baerg in the spring of 2003.



Milos Repicky Assistant Coach/ Repetiteur

Milos Repicky is an active vocal, choral, instrumental, and dance accompanist. He holds an A.V.C.M. diploma at the Victoria Conservatory of Music in piano performance and teaching, and a bachelor of music in piano performance from the University of Victoria. He has been associated with the VCM Opera Studio in many capacities, including accompanist and music director for Samuel Barber's A Hand of Bridge. Milos was recently music director and conductor for the world premiere of the Canadian opera The Vinedressers at the Belfry Theatre, Victoria. A keen interest in 20th century and contemporary music has led to recent performances of Andriessen's De Stijl, Antheil's Ballet Mecanique and Schoenberg's Pierrot Lunaire.

BIOGRAPHIES – OPERA AS THEATRE FACULTY/STAFF





Glynis Leyshon Program Director

Glynis Leyshon, critically acclaimed and highly regarded theatre professional, has been the Artistic Director of The Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company since 1997, and before that was Artistic Director for Victoria's Belfry Theatre for 11 years. She has directed many outstanding productions for the Playhouse and for other theatre companies such as the Shaw Festival, Canadian Stage Company, the National Arts Centre, Bard on the Beach, The Grand Theatre, and Tarragon. Her extensive experience directing musicals and opera has included work with the Vancouver, Calgary, and Pacific Opera companies. Last summer Ms. Leyshon directed the world premiere of the contemporary opera Game Misconduct by Leslie Uyeda and Tom Cone in Vancouver.



Leslie Dala Music Director

Leslie Dala a native of Toronto, is currently music director of Les Jeunes Voix du Rhin, the professional ensemble of l'Opéra National du Rhin in Strasbourg. France, Other European engagements include work in the Czech Republic and a tour of works by Arnold Schoenberg in and around Zurich. Leslie has worked with the Vancouver Opera, the Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra, the Canadian Opera Company, Edmonton Opera, Tapestry Theatre, Vancouver New Music, and in October 2001 he performed Beethoven's Emperor Concerto with the Prince George Symphony, under their late music director Wallace Leung. Leslie has participated in several Banff Centre productions, including as assistant music director of Zürich 1916 in 1998, and as repetiteur of Wozzeck in 1995.



Selena James Voice Coach

Selena James joined the faculty at The Banff Centre in 1986. She is the Artistic Director of the Victoria Conservatory of Music's Opera Studio where she also conducts the performances given each winter and spring. These have included Street Scene by Kurt Weill, Albert Herring by Benjamin Britten, The Magic Flute, and The Tales of Hoffmann. Selena's extensive performing career includes leading operatic and Broadway musical roles, oratorio, recitals on radio and television; and she also created the role of Delisle in the world premiere of Tornrak by composer John Metcalf, at The Banff Centre. Richard Margison and Benjamin Butterfield are among the many noted singers who have studied with Selena.



Christopher Hunt Acting Coach

Christopher Hunt is a Calgary-based actor. Previously at The Banff Centre, he was seen in James Reaney's Donnelly plays Sticks and Stones and The St. Nicholas Hotel. Recently in Calgary, Christopher has performed at Theatre Calgary. Alberta Theatre Projects, Lunchbox Theatre, Ground Zero, Blacklist and Ghost River Theatre. He has also performed at The Vancouver Playhouse, Sunshine Theatre (Kelowna), WCTC (Kamloops), Theatre Network (Edmonton), Manitoba Theatre Centre, Canadian Stage, and Young People's Theatre (Toronto), as well as on tours in Ontario and Scotland. Christopher has won two Betty Mitchell awards - Best Actor (The Cocktail Hour -Theatre Calgary, 1998), and Best Supporting Actor (Bent - Sage Theatre, 2000).



Davida Monk Movement Coach

Movement TeacherDavida Monk is a performer, choreographer and teacher. She began her dance career with Le Groupe de la Place Royale of Ottawa where she served as Assistant Artistic Director, and assisted Peter Boneham in developing Canada's only choreographic dance lab. Davida's works have been seen in Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver, at the Canada Dance Festival, as well as in Poland and Finland. Davida has taught at many companies and universities, and since 1996 has been Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Fine Arts Program of Dance at the University of Calgary. In 1994, Monk was Advisor on Issues in Contemporary Dance to The Banff Centre.



Caroline Dufresne Opera Stage Manager

Caroline is a well-known Montreal-born stage manager, and production manager, operating in theatre, opera and dance. She has been working for the past five years on international tours of Robert Lepage's productions. She has worked in London, Paris, and New York among many other cities. Previously, she was head stage manager for L'Opera de Montréal where she stage managed more than fifteen full-scale operas. Caroline is a graduate in production of The National Theatre School (1993). She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from I' École des Hautes Études Commerciales (1991). She is now living in New York.



Robert Rombough Set, Prop & Projection Design

During his 30 years working in the theatre as a technical director, production manager, scenic

carpenter, painter, and occasional production designer, Robert's design history has included work for Theatre New Brunswick, Theatre Calgary, Quest Theatre, and The Banff Centre. He has been a designer/builder of handcrafted furniture, and a juried member of the New Brunswick Craft Council.



Deneen MacArthur Costume Designer

Deneen is happy to be back in Banff for her third season. She has been Resident Costume Designer for Theatre Junction in Calgary for the past two years, and looks forward to another challenging season this fall. Some of her credits include the premiere of End Dream by Sharon Pollock, The Misanthrope, Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead, London Cuckholds, Much Ado About Nothing, Arcadia, Closer and A Month in the Country. She was the recipient of the Betty Mitchell Award for her work in The Misanthrope in 2001 and was recently nominated for Much Ado About Nothing.



Heidi Lingren Lighting Designer

Shakespeare at the Opera is Heidi's first production with The Banff Centre, where she is thrilled to be a part of the innovative Opera As Theatre program. Heidi's opera work includes designs for The Magic Flute (Vancouver School of Music), The Begger's Opera (UBC Theatre), as well as work as the assistant lighting designer for the Vancouver Opera. Some of her recent theatre credits include Tongue of a Bird (Pleiades Theatre), It's a Wonderful Life, and Driving Miss Daisy (Chemainus Theatre), Lady Windermere's Fan (Studio 58), and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Uncle Randy Productions). Following her time in Banff, Heidi will travel to San Francisco to observe the mounting of San Francisco Opera's new production of Turandot. Heidi is a member of Associated Designers of Canada and lives in Vancouver with her husband and fellow designer. Kevin McAllister.

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