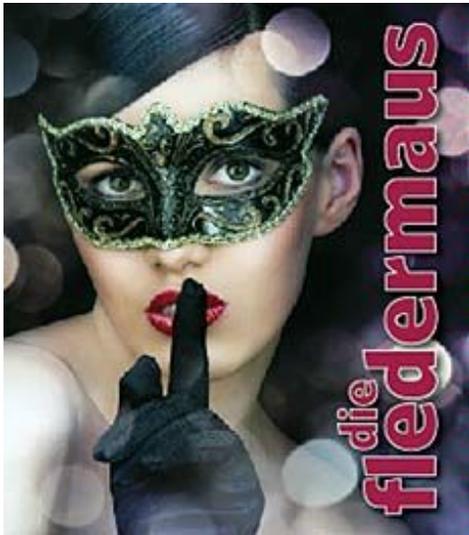


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USU Opera Program Brings 'the Bat' to the Caine Lyric Theatre



USU's Opera Theatre program, based in the Department of Music, presents "Die Fledermaus" April 17-19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Caine Lyric Theatre, located at 28 W. Center Street in Logan.

Utah State University's Department of Music presents *Die Fledermaus* April 17-19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Caine Lyric Theatre, located at 28 W. Center Street in Logan.

"This light-hearted comedy of errors is underscored with favorite Strauss waltz music complete with charming, flirtatious characters who are sure to keep you entertained the whole evening," said Lynn Jemison-Keisker, associate professor in the Caine College of the Arts and director of the show.

Die Fledermaus is an operetta composed by Johann Strauss II in the late 1870s to a libretto by Carl Haffner and Richard Genée.

In the story, audiences will meet Baron Gabriel von Eisenstein, who must serve a fortnight in prison for a civil offense. He is about to go to the jail to serve his time when his friend, Falke, convinces him to have one wild night. Eisenstein agrees to a night of fun while his wife believes he is headed to serve his time. From there, the entire story becomes one mistaken identity after another as the characters attend a masked ball and finish the evening at the prison.

USU's production of this operetta is directed by Colin Baldy, the artistic director of Hand Made Opera Company and founding director of the Maldon Arts Festival in England. Baldy has worked with students at USU before, most recently on the combined efforts of the music and theater departments for *The Pirates of Penzance* in spring 2012. He has also worked with the Cache Children's Choir at Utah State University.

“We appreciate our ongoing collaborative work with Mr. Baldy and his inspiring influence on our students,” said Jemison-Keisker.

The production features students studying opera theater in the Caine College of the Arts. Every semester the program produces a full opera, featuring directors from across the country and around the world. Many of the participating undergraduate students will be reprising *Die Fledermaus* this summer in Maldon, England, as a part of the annual arts festival.

“We are especially proud of these talented young artists and their international invitation,” said Jemison-Keisker. “This is a rare opportunity for singers at this young age to be invited by a professional company to present a full opera production as well as American musical theater selections in concert.”

Die Fledermaus will be performed at the Caine Lyric Theatre. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and youth, \$5 USU faculty and staff and free for USU students with ID. For more information and tickets, visit the Caine College of the Arts Box Office in room 139-B of the Chase Fine Arts Center, call 435-797-8022 or see the college’s [Production Services website](#).

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