## MID-COLUMBIA MASTERSINGERS

2017-2018 SEASON

ACADEMY OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE

**PRESENT** 

Benjamin Britten's Let's Make an Opera

# THE LITTLE SWEEP



UPTOWN THEATRE, RICHLAND



## LET'S MAKE AN OPERA

Today's performance is being recorded. Please silence cell phones and watches.

#### **PROLOGUE**

Wherein the players create the opera, as themselves, in the current time and place

#### Intermission

Concessions by Ethos Bakery & Cafe for sale in the lobby

## THE LITTLE SWEEP, Op. 45

Music by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) Libretto by Eric Crozier (1914-1994)

Setting: children's nursery of Iken Hall, Suffolk, in the year 1810.

Scene One - - - - - A January morning Scene Two - - - - - - - - - - - Later Scene Three - - - - The next morning

I. The Sweep's Song: Audience Song I

II. Quartet: Sweep the chimney!

III. Duet: Now little white boy

IIIa Hide and Seek: Juliet! Juliet!

IV. Shanty: Pull the rope gently

V. Ensemble: Is he wounded?

VI. Marching Song

VII. Trio

VIII. Aria: Run poor sweep boy

IX. Sammy's Bath: Audience Song II

X. Ensemble: O why do you weep

XI. Pantomime

XII. Scena

XIII. Finale: Help! Help! she's collapsed

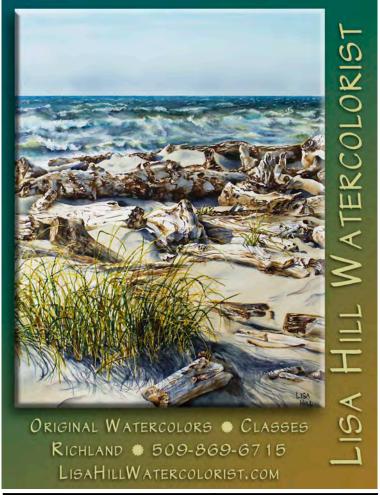
XIV. The Night Song: Audience Song III

XV. Aria: Soon the coach will carry you away

XVI. Ensemble: Morning Sammy

XVII. Trio and Ensemble: Ready, Alfred?

XVIII. Coaching Song: Audience Song IV





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#### CAST

Black Bob, a brutal sweep-master	Reginald Unterseher
Clem, his son and assistant	Jason Wickson
Sam, their new sweep boy	Jacob Eveland
Miss Doggett the housekeep or at they Hall	Erin Dottorgon

Miss Baggott, *the housekeeper at Iken Hall* ------Erin Patterson *The children of Iken Hall*Juliet Brook ------Emily Brown

Gay Brook - - - - - - Nikolas Theriault Sophie Brook - - - - - Katy Connors

Visitors from Woodbridge

Rowan, the nursery-maid to the Woodbridge cousins - - - Molly Holleran Jonny Crome - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Arlo McGowan Hughie Crome - - - - - - - - - Peter Wilhelm Tina Crome - - - - - - - - Lola Eden

Tom, the coachman from Woodbridge - - - - - - Reginald Unterseher Alfred, the gardener at Iken Hall - - - - - - - - - Jason Wickson



## PRODUCTION TEAM

Staging Director	Joanna Flaten
Music Director	Justin Raffa
Property Design	Judie Smith
Property Assistance	Gail Middleton
Tech Director	Jim Andre
Light Design	Cameron Milton
Sound Board	Andrew Meyer
Light Board	2
Supertitles	
Set Construction	Rick Donahoe
	Sara Flaten
	Bob Popielarczyk
	Eric Richman

### **ORCHESTRA**

Violin I	Mary K French
Violin II	Nina Powers
Viola	Lucia Orr
Cello	Ed Dixon
4-Hand Piano	Allen Madsen
	BenWalley
Percussion	Carri Rose

#### SPECIAL THANKS

Mid-Columbia Musical Theatre Mary Lou Gnoza Katie White



Joanna Flaten (Staging Director) has worked as director, stage manager, and producer on productions with Hanford High School, Mid-Columbia Musical Theatre, Richland Players, Academy of Children's Theatre, and The Rude Mechanicals. This is her first production with the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers. Recent projects include directing *Antigone* and *Our Town*; stage managing *Next to Normal, Julius Caesar*, and *Othello*; and producing *Company, Anne Frank*, and *The Sleeper*. Joanna has a master's degree in theology from Luther Seminary and has begun studying theatre education. She works as a writer.



JUSTIN RAFFA (MUSIC DIRECTOR) is in his tenth season as Artistic Director of the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers, and also serves as Chorusmaster of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra. He is a Washington State Arts Commissioner, serves on the Northwest regional board of the American Choral Directors Association, and on many local boards, including the Arts Center Task Force, which is building a performing arts center in the Tri-Cities. Justin music directs for several Tri-Cities theatre companies, and he sings professionally as a member of True Concord Voices, the Oregon Bach Festival, Male Ensemble Northwest, and Chor Anno.



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## Tri-Cities Arts Events

#### The Richland Players

The Woman in Black
January 12-28
Richland Players Theatre

#### **CBC Summer Showcase**

Auditions for "Sister Act"

January 20-21

Columbia Basin College Theatre

#### Camerata Musica

Newman & Zhu - Cello Piano Duo January 27 Battelle Auditorium, Richland

#### Mid-Columbia Symphony

Bach, Strauss, Hare, Hindemith January 28 Richland High Auditorium

#### **Arts & Heritage Day**

February 7 Capitol Building, Olympia

#### **Mid-Columbia Mastersingers**

O Black & Unknown Bards February 9-11 GracePoint Church, Pasco

#### **Academy of Children's Theatre**

Akeelah & The Bee
February 16-25
Academy of Children's Theatre, Richland

#### Mid-Columbia Musical Theatre

Auditions for "West Side Story"
February 17-18
Tri-Cities Academy of Ballet and Music

#### The Rude Mechanicals

The Merry Wives of Windsor February 15-24 The Uptown Theatre, Richland