

MID-COLUMBIA MASTERSINGERS

2017-2018 SEASON

WITH THE
ACADEMY OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE
PRESENT

*Benjamin Britten's
Let's Make an Opera*

THE LITTLE SWEEP



JANUARY 12, 7:30PM
JANUARY 13, 2:00PM & 7:30PM

UPTOWN THEATRE, RICHLAND

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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 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 ----- Cyndi Kimmel
 Supertitles ----- Benita Brown
 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
 Ben Walley
 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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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