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Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

# **Opera Scenes**

Music Director: Stephen Karr  
Stage Director: Ben Smith

February 24, 2023  
7:30 PM

Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music  
Harris Concert Hall

**Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music**  
Kevin Sanders, Director

**College of Communication and Fine Arts**  
Ryan Fisher, Interim Dean

from *The Boatswain's Mate* (1915)

Ethel Smyth  
1858-1944

text: Ethel Smyth, after W. W. Jacobs  
1863-1943

Act 1, scene 3 (outside "The Beehive," a country inn)

Act 1, scene 4 (outside "The Beehive," later the same evening)

Act 2, scene 3 (in the kitchen of "The Beehive," just before 3:00 the next morning)

Act 2, scene 7 (in the kitchen of "The Beehive," later the same morning)

Cast

Mrs. Waters (owner of "The Beehive"): Ina Torres-O'Ryan

Harry Benn (a former boatswain): Camden Kegley

Ned Travers (a former soldier): Bradley Sowell

Conductor: Fabian Schneider

Stage Director: Brianna Reilly

*Intermission*

from *Sweeney Todd* (1979)

Stephen Sondheim  
1930-2022

"The Worst Pies in London"

Nellie Lovett: Ellen Mitchell

"Johanna"

Anthony Hope: Nathaniel Mc Bride

"Not While I'm Around"

Nellie Lovett: Ellen Mitchell

Tobias Ragg: Kevin Neace

from *Porgy and Bess* (1935)

George Gershwin  
1898-1937

text: DuBose Heyward  
1885-1940

Clara: Cayce Murphy

from *The Mad Show* (1966)

Mary Rodgers  
1931-2014

text: Stephen Sondheim

"The Boy From..."

Megan Burroughs

from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1960)

Benjamin Britten

1913-1976

text: William Shakespeare

1564-1616

adapted by B. Britten

Cast (in order of vocal appearance)

Puck: Ina Torres-O'Ryan

Lysander: Kevin Neace

Helena: Cayce Murphy

Demetrius: Nathaniel McBride

Hermia: Megan Burroughs