

NOVA
CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

FESTIVAL OF
**ONE-ACT
OPERAS**

GIANNI SCHICCHI
by Giacomo Puccini

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THE OLD MAID
and the THIEF
by Gian Carlo Menotti

**October 23, 25*, 30
and November 1*, 2015**

7:30PM • Matinees 2:00PM*

Directed by Douglas Nagel

2317 Montana Ave, Billings MT ★ 591.9535 ★ www.NOVAbillings.org

★ *The Old Maid and the Thief*

Miss Todd	Malia Howell
Miss Pinkerton	Janie Sutton
Laetitia	Jenna Preston
Bob	Gavin Askin

★ Crew

Director/Simone	Douglas Nagel
Music Director	Tim Schoessler
Stage Manager/Lighting Design	
and Props	Jessica Goldade
Producer	Dodie Rife

Bios



Doug Nagel (Director/Stage Manager)

Last Role: Blitch in *Susannah*

Favorite Role: John the Baptist in *Salome*

Training: BA University of Wyoming, MM San Francisco Conservatory of Music

Hometown: Billings, Montana

Tim Schoessler (Music Director)

Last Role: Conductor for *Iolanthe*

Favorite Role: Pianist for *Face in the Ballroom Floor*

Training: B.M., University of Wyoming, M.M. University of Wyoming

Hometown: Powell, Wyoming



Jessica Goldade (Stage Manager)

Last Position: Stage Management Intern at Kitchen Theatre Company

Favorite Position: Stage Manager for *Angels in America: Part One; Millennium Approaches* at The University of Montana

Training: BFA in Stage Management and Scenic Painting at The University of Montana

Hometown: Billings, Montana

★ Cast for *Gianni Schicchi*

Gianni Schicchi	William Mouat
Lauretta	Emily Duncan
Rinuccio	James Duncan
Pinellino/Lauretta Cover	Jorian Lokken
Zita	Katelynn Meyer
Gherardo	Justin Ward
Nella	Lorraine Maddox
Gherardino	Ricky Stricker
Betta	Mikayla Burpee
Simone	Douglas Nagel
Marco	Jason Webster
La Ciesca	Karla Stricker
Spinellocchio	Benjamin Marcello
Nicolao	Jan Van Dyk

Special Thanks

Gary Treglown
Mary Ann Connors
Kristi Grob - Pita Pit
Lorraine Maddox
Lucinda Butler
Helen Nagel
MSU Billings Music Department



Malia Howell (Miss Todd)

Last Role: Ms. Anderssen in *A Little Night Music*

Favorite Role: Mrs. Thenardier in *Les Misérables*

Training: Private voice through high school in Arlington, TX,
currently at MSU Billings under Douglas Nagel

Hometown: Arlington, Texas

Janie Sutton (Miss Pinkerton)

Last Role: Mrs. McLean in *Susannah*

Favorite Role: Bloody Mary in *South Pacific*

Training : BA Rocky Mountain College, Billings MT

Hometown: Billings, Montana



Jenna Preston (Laetitia)

Last Role: Euridice in *Orpheus*

Favorite Role: Josephine in *H.M.S. Pinafore*

Training: BM Hardin-Simmons University, MM University of Montana

Hometown: Kermit, Texas



Gavin Askin (Bob)

Last Role: Elder Hayes in *Susannah*

Favorite Role: Priest in *Aïda*

Training: Voice training with Doug Nagel for 5 years

Hometown: Miles City, Montana



William Mouat (Gianni Schicchi)

Last Role: King Melchior in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*

Favorite Role: Don Giovanni in *Don Giovanni*

Training: BMusicEd University of Wyoming

MM New England Conservatory of Music

DMA University of Washington

Hometown: Billings, Montana



Emily Duncan (Pinellino/Lauretta Cover)

Last Role: Erster Knabe in *Die Zauberflöte*

Favorite Role: Mimi in *La Bohème* or Maria in *The Sound of Music*

Training: BM Brigham Young University

Hometown: Aurora, Illinois



James Duncan (Rinuccio)

Last Role: Tamino in *The Magic Flute*

Favorite Role: Hoffman in *Tales of Hoffmann*

Training: BM Brigham Young University

Hometown: Bozeman, Montana



Jorion Lokken (Pinellino/Lau cover)

Last Role: Narrator in *Aladdin Jr. the Musical*

Favorite Role: Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast Jr. the Musical*

Training: Studying Vocal Performance and Music Education
at the University of Montana and Rocky Mountain College

Jorion has been taking private vocal lessons for 7 years

Hometown: Billings, Montana



Katelynn Meyer (Zita)

Last Role: Mrs. Segstrom (Liebeslieder) in *A Little Night Music*

Favorite Role: Whore in *Les Misérables*

Training: Senior year at Montana State University Billings studying

Vocal Performance and Communication with a Theater option

Hometown: Billings, Montana

Bios continued



Justin Ward (Gherardo)

Last Role: Mr. Lindquist in *A Little Night Music*

Favorite Role: Njegus in *The Merry Widow*

Training: Have studied with Dennis Rupp, Doug Nagel, and Creighton James

Hometown: Tracy, California



Ricky Stricker (Gherardino)

This is Ricky's first singing and acting role

Training: Jason Webster, and Ellie Ellis

Hometown: Billings, Montana



Jason Webster (Marco)

Last Role: Elder Gleaton in *Susannah*

Favorite role: Elder Gleaton in *Susannah*

Training: MSU Billings completing a degree in Music Education

Hometown: Billings, Montana



Jane Van Dyk (Nicolao)

Last Role: Chorus in *La traviata*

Favorite Role: Amneris in *Aida*

Training: Studied voice with Doug Nagel, William Mouat and Mary Kate Hotaling

Hometown: Butte, Montana



Youth Cabaret

Broadway Pop Musical Revue

NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15 Black Box Theater

Directed by Kevin Schweigert

See page 11 of the playbill for more information.

Lorraine Maddox (Nella)
Last Role: Luisa in *The Fantasticks*
Favorite Role: Minstrel in *Once Upon a Mattress*
Training: Very involved in community theater growing up, trained at Concordia College, and Brigham Young University, Idaho
Hometown: Great Falls, Montana



Coming Soon



DECEMBER 4-19 Roebling Theater
Directed by Steve Zediker
See page 12 of the playbill for more information.