

FESTIVAL OF  
**ONE-ACT  
OPERAS**

**GIANNI  
\$CHICCHI**  
by Giacomo Puccini

➤ AND ➤

**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



## ★ *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/Simon)

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



### **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**  
 Spinelloccio ..... **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**

### **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



**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 *Aida*

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

### 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



### Ricky Stricker (Gherardino)

This is Ricky's first singing and acting role

Training: Jason Webster, and Ellie Ellis

Hometown: Billings, Montana

### Mikayla Burpee (Betta)

Last Role: Young Lady in *Susannah*

Favorite Role: in *Aida*

Training: Four and a half years training at MSU Billings with Doug Nagel

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

### Karla Stricker (La Ciesca)

Last role: Mrs. Hays Cover and Town Lady in *Susannah*

Favorite Role: Servant Maid in *La traviata*

Training: Voice coach William Mouat

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

### Benjamin Marcello (Spinelloccio)

This is Ben's first appearance on stage.

Hometown: Billings, Montana



## Coming Soon



**NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15** Black Box Theater  
Directed by Kevin Schweigert  
See page 11 of the playbill for more information.



**DECEMBER 4-19** Roebling Theater  
Directed by Steve Zediker  
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