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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

DEPARTMENTS OF DRAMA AND MUSIC

MONTANA MASQUERS and OPERA WORKSHOP

present

AN EVENING OF OPERA

APRIL 1, 2, 3, 4, 1965 — 8:15 P.M.

MASQUER THEATER

JOHN L. LESTER, Director, Opera Workshop

GEORGE D. LEWIS, Assistant Director, Opera Workshop

FIRMAN H. BROWN, Jr., Director

RICHARD H. JAMES, Designer and Technical Director

Costumes designed by SARAH JAMES

CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

by Pietro Mascagni

Libretto by Targioni-Tozzetti and G. Menasci

after a story by Giovanni Verga

English Version by Joseph Machlis

Rosemary Leavenworth, Pianist

CAST

Santuzza, a peasant girlKathy Shore, Fay Gonsior, Soprano
Lucia, mother of TuridduDiane Morrow, Esther England, Contralto
Alfio, a village teamsterEdd Blackler, Baritone
Turiddu, a soldier, son of LuciaLee Mathews, Tenor
Lola, wife of AlfioEsther England, Sue Noreen, Diane Morrow,
Mezzo-Soprano
Villagers and Peasantsplayed by Members of Opera Workshop

A Sicilian Village — Nineteenth Century

OPERA WORKSHOP

Melvon Ankeny, Bonny Beals, Edd Blackler, Janet Boyer, Albert Brewer, Dennis Craig, Doug Dunnell, Annette Dunton, Esther England, Fay Gonsior, Austin Gray, Gary Guthrie, Shirley Konizeski, Norman Mikelson, Diane Morrow, Sue Noreen, Nancy Senechal, Kathleen Shore, William Stephens, Mary Ann Peterson, Elsie Mielke, Susen Emrick, Judith Stowe, Susan Hove, Karin Gjording, Dave Bunes, Ed Harris, Judy Rohrer, Kay Morton, Richard Stube, Sandra Harris, Julie Johnston.

SYNOPSIS—Turiddu, after loving Santuzza for a time, has now abandoned her for Lola, the wife of the prosperous carter, Alfio. Santuzza begs Turiddu to come back to her but he ignores her pleadings. Santuzza becomes enraged when Lola flirts with Turiddu. When Alfio returns, Santuzza reveals the truth to him. Turiddu is left alone with Alfio and admits his guilt. They realize that the affair can be settled in only one way. Turiddu bids his mother farewell and implores her to take care of Santuzza if he should not return.

Produced by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc., N.Y.

INTERMISSION

PAGLIACCI

by Ruggiero Leoncavallo

English Version by Joseph Machlis

Don Mackey, Pianist

CAST

Canio, head of a troupe of strolling playersNorman Mikelson, Tenor
Nedda, his wifeFay Gonsior, Janet Boyer, Bonny Beals, Soprano
Tonio, a member of the troupeJim Terrell, Ed Harris, Baritone
Peppe, a member of the troupeDoug Dunnell, Melvon Ankeny, Tenor
Silvio, a villagerMelvon Ankeny, Gary Guthrie, Baritone
Peasants and VillagersPlayed by Members of Opera Workshop

A village in Calabria, Italy — In the 1860's

SYNOPSIS—A troupe of strolling players arrives in an Italian village. Canio, the prince of comedians and head of the troupe, urges the crowd to attend the performance to be given that night. Tonio, a hunchback and a clown of the company is left alone with Nedda, Canio's wife. He tries to kiss her but she refuses and strikes him with a whip. No sooner has Tonio left than Silvio appears. He is the young villager with whom Nedda has been having a romance. Tonio sees them together and tells Canio. The enraged husband arrives just in time to hear Nedda promise that she will meet Silvio later that night. Silvio escapes into the woods. Canio demands that Nedda reveal the name of her lover. She refuses. Canio is about to kill her when Peppe, a member of the troupe, stops him and reminds him that it is time for the performance. The play presented by Canio and his troupe becomes a re-enactment of what had happened earlier. As Canio proceeds to play his part, make-believe gradually retreats before the tragic reality of his situation. Pushed beyond the breaking point, Canio seizes a knife and stabs Nedda. Nedda cries out to Silvio, who has been watching the play. He runs to the stage to help her but is too late. Canio now aware that he was his wife's lover, stabs him to death. In a trance Canio murmurs, "The comedy is ended."

PRODUCTION STAFF

Assistant DirectorDoug Manning
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Costume AssistantJeanne Belangie
LightingRobert A. James
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Glenn Gauer, Austin Gray, Al Holt, Larry Howard,
Doug Manning, Ronald Rathbun
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Make-upKathy Davies, Patsy Maxson, Joye Agan,
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Barbara Jo Whitney, Mary Jane Williams
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House ManagerJohn Mazur
UshersTanan of Spur
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COMING—The Adventures of Tom Sawyer—April 10-11

Rest Home—April 28, 29, 30, May 1