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MUSI 596.02: Advanced Opera Theatre

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**The University of Montana
School of Music
MUSI 110A / 310 / 596**

OPERA THEATER

MWF 3:10-5

Instructor: Anne Basinski

Office: Music Rm. 10

243-6889

Course objectives and activities:

In this course a student will develop and practice skills needed for performing in the lyric theater. Students rehearse and perform assigned scenes from opera, operetta and musicals. Students also assist in assembling and preparing costumes and set, and serve as stage crew for scenes they are not in. The culmination of the class is four performances of *The Legend of Orpheus*, which serves as the final. This opera is a pastiche, formed of pre-existing Baroque music with new words and story.

Students are required to learn their individual assignments outside of class, so that rehearsal time is devoted to developing good ensemble with other members of the scene. Students must abide by given deadlines for notes learned and memorization, or grade will be lowered.

Attendance:

Any absence may result in the lowering of the student's grade. To be excused, you must speak to Professor Basinski *before* the class/rehearsal in question – she will then decide, based on your reason for missing, whether the absence is excused or not.

The rehearsal schedule is posted on the Voice Area Board directly across from the main Music Office.

Check frequently for updates and information about costume fittings, etc.... Check the voice board ahead of time to see *where* rehearsal will be...sometimes they are moved because of events such as Concert Band Festival.

If you miss a costume fitting without calling the costume shop *in advance* (243-5271) your grade will drop to a C (if you have an A otherwise).

All students are required to help with strike after the final performance.

Opera Theater will perform February 14-16 (14th at 7:30pm, 15th at 2pm and 7:30 pm, 16th at 2pm. All students must be available for the performances, and rehearsal times:

Cast should be available for the entire class period, MWF 3-5pm. Conflicts w permission of instructor. A more specific schedule will be given weekly.

All class members must agree to be available for rehearsals in the evenings from Jan 18th-Feb7, 2014.

Saturday Feb 8	9am -10pm	Tech the show
Sunday Feb 9	12 – 10pm	TBA
Monday Feb 10	6pm call, 7:30 tech/dress cast 1	
Tuesday Feb 11	6:30 call, 7:30 dress/tech for cast 2	
Wednesday Feb 12	6:30 call, 7:30 dress for cast 1	
Thursday Feb 13	6:30 call, 7:30 dress for cast 2	
Performances	7:30 p.m. Feb 14, 2p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Feb 15, 2 p.m. on Feb 16	

Every cast member is required to help strike after the final performance.

Grading:

Preparation for rehearsals: 50%

Memorization by required date: 25%

Performance: 25%.

Unexcused missed rehearsals will result in lowered grade.

Missing performance or strike will result in failing grade

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by course instructor and /or a disciplinary sanction by the university.

All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at [http:// life.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/studentconduct.php](http://life.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/studentconduct.php) /