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### MUSI 595.05: Advance Vocal Ensembles

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**The University of Montana  
School of Music  
MUSI 110A / 310 / 595**

**OPERA THEATER**

**MWF 3:10-5**

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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 and roles 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. 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.

Information about rehearsal schedule will be sent by email. Check email ahead of rehearsal time to see *where* rehearsal will be...sometimes sessions 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, STD 728-1911, MCT) your grade will drop to a C (if you have an A otherwise).

All students are required to help with strike after final performances of staged work.

Opera Theater has 4 scheduled performances for the 2017-18 academic year. There will be separate auditions for the first two events. (For the spring scenes program you may simply let me know of your interest, and you will be placed if you have performed in the previous events. Otherwise it may be necessary to schedule an audition.)

Sat, Oct 7      *Blue Skies! Gala and Fundraiser*      Montana Winery & Event Center      7:00 p.m.  
(Dress reh TBA – Tues Oct 3 or Wed Oct 4)

Fri, Dec 8      UM Opera Theater & Symphony Orchestra in concert      7:30 p.m. MRH  
(previewing selections from *Julius Caesar*)

Feb 9-11, 2018      Handel's *Julius Caesar* in collaboration with UM Symphony Orch and MCT, Inc. Will be auditioning, rehearsing in fall 2017 and January 2018. Performances at MCT Performing Arts Center

Mon & Tues, Apr 16 & 17, 2018 – Scenes program TBA – will be crafted to suit performers involved. 7:30 p.m. both nights, MRH

Every cast member is required to help strike after final performances.

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) /*

