

EIU VOICE DIVISION PRESENTS:

SEASONS OF LOVE

OPERA AND MUSICAL THEATRE SCENES

DR. JULIE PARK, DIRECTOR
ETHAN HAYWARD, PIANO

Recital
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PROGRAM

Deh, vieni alla finestra.....	Don Giovanni W.A.Mozart
I am little bit in love.....	Wonderful Town L. Bernstein
Pa-Pa-Pa-Papageno.....	Die Zauberflöte W.A.Mozart
Je veux vivre.....	Roméo et Juliette C. Gounod
Lonely House.....	Street Scene Kurt Weill
Quando me'n vò.....	La Bohème G. Puccini
L'amour est un oiseau rebelle.....	Carmen G. Bizet
If I were a bell.....	Guys and Dolls Frank Loesser
Where is the life that late I led.....	Kiss Me Kate Cole Porter
Lascia ch'io pianga.....	Rinaldo G.F.Handel
I feel pretty.....	West Side Story
Tonight.....	West Side Story L. Bernstein

ABOUT THE OPERA/MUSICAL SCENE PRODUCTION

"The Seasons of Love" features selected songs from a wide spectrum of opera and musical scenes. The synopsis is written by Dr. Julie Park, the associate professor of voice at EIU. The story portrays various happenings by love seekers, who are guests visiting the bar, Seasons of Love, on Thursday nights.

Synopsis

Scene I

The waiter at Seasons of Love bar is preparing for guests on Thursday night. He already feels tired since he usually deals with rowdy customers on Thursday nights.

Scene II

Don Giovanni, renowned as a playboy, enters the bar eagerly anticipating encounters with new romantic prospects. Eileen, a young and charming woman visiting the bar for the first time. Don Giovanni wastes no time in charming her, serenading her with "*Deh, vieni alla finestra*" (O come to the window, beloved). Eileen quickly falls for his charms and responds with "*I am a little bit in love,*" joining him in dance.

Scene III

Papagena, who has connected with the waiter on Instagram, decides to surprise him by visiting the bar. Their instant connection blossoms into love as they sing the duet "*Pa-Pa-Pa-Papageno*" and Juliette's solo "*Je veux vivre*" (I want to live).

Scene IV

Depressed and lonely guy Sam comes to the bar, expressing his loneliness through singing.

Scene V

Musetta, renowned for her beauty, enters the bar and sings "*Quando me'n vo*" (When I go along). Every man in the bar is enchanted by her beauty, and she delights in the admiration.

Scene VI

Carmen, another renowned beauty, arrives at the bar upset because her rival, Musetta, is there enjoying her time with all the guys. Carmen sings "*L'amour est un oiseau rebelle*" (Love is a rebellious bird) and talks about what the love is. The tension between Carmen and Musetta escalates, leading to a fight among all the people in the bar.

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Scene VII

The waiter calms down the people, and Sarah just wakes up during the fight. Nobody notices until she hiccups, having been under the table while drunk. She sings *"If I were a bell"* and talks to people about falling in love, comparing her emotions to the sound of a bell ringing.

Scene IX

The married man, Petruccio, secretly escapes from home and comes to the bar. He sings *"Where is the life that late I led"* and laments the loss of his bachelor life and misses all the girls that he met in the past.

Scene X

Almirena, burdened by depression and despair, seeks refuge in the bar, expressing her sorrow through *"Lascia ch'io pianga"* (Let me weep).

Scene XI

A merry, happy girl Maria arrives, exuding joy as she sings *"I Feel Pretty."* Despite teasing from her friends, she revels in the happiness of being loved by a remarkable man, Tony.

Scene XII

Maria realized that Tony has already been at the bar. They declare their love for each other and sing a love duet *"Tonight"*. As the evening draws to a close, the waiter announces the end of the night, bidding farewell to the patrons as they exchange goodbyes, marking the conclusion of the show.



DIRECTOR



Dr. Julie Junghwa Park is an active concert artist and opera singer who has performed with the New York Lyric Opera in New York City, Castleton Music Festival under the direction of Maestro Lorin Maazel, the National Music Opera Theater ensemble in Kassel, Germany and Salon Opera festival in Seoul, South- Korea. Ms. Park's concert works include Gala concerts at San Leo, Rimini, Cervia, Cesena, Montegridolfo, Novafeltria in Italy, Kassel in Germany, Duzznik in Poland. Dr. Park has received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in voice performance from Rutgers University, a Master of Music degree and Professional Studies certificate from the Manhattan School of Music, a bachelor of music from the Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea and a Diploma from the Staatliche Musik Akademie in Kassel, Germany, and Orfeo Music Academy in Parma, Italy. Dr. Park made her solo recital debut at Weill recital hall at Carnegie hall in 2012 where she also performed Winners' concerts of the Golden era of romantic music international competition, and BAIVC international competition as first prize winner.

PANIST



Ethan Hayward is a keyboardist and music director active in Coles County since 2017 and the greater Midwest since 2009. He holds a bachelor's degree in choral music education from Millikin University and a master's in piano performance from EIU. Through the year you can find him accompanying for the EIU voice and theatre departments, serving as a church musician, playing alongside choirs and bands, recording, gigging, and teaching piano.

CAST



Blaine Niebrugge (Waiter)

Blaine Niebrugge, a senior from Dieterich, is majoring in vocal performance with a minor in theatre at EIU. He has participated in many musical productions, including *Children of Eden* and *Little Women*.

CAST



Harrison Hahn (Don Giovanni)

Harrison Hahn is a senior from Olney, is majoring in vocal music education at EIU and played the role of Cain in the EIU musical production *Children of Eden*.



Emily Ritter (Eileen/ Consuelo)

Emily is a sophomore studying Vocal Music Education and Theatre here at EIU. She has been involved in theatre for 14 years, performing in various shows, including CUTC's production of *Music Man* and EIU's production of *Children of Eden*. While she loves to perform on stage, she has also been able to help backstage on crew with some of EIU's theatre shows. Emily has greatly enjoyed this experience and hopes you enjoy the show.



Sommer Jones (Papagena/ Francisca)

Sommer is a junior from Chicago majoring in Vocal Performance with a minor in Music Technology. With her passion for music performance, she is excited to be a part of her second opera at Eastern. She would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous support.



Mason Kurtz (Sam/ Tony)

Mason Kurtz is a senior vocal performance major from Altamont IL. He has previously participated in productions at EIU such as *Down in the Valley* and *Children of Eden*. Mason is very excited to be a part of this production!



Karrin Estes (Musetta/ Rosalia)

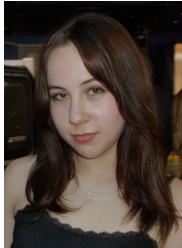
Karrin Estes, a senior from Danville, IL, is majoring in vocal music education at EIU. She has participated in many musical productions on campus, including *Xanadu* and *Little Women*.

CAST



Honor Baker (Carmen)

Honor Baker is a mezzo-soprano vocalist from Staunton, Illinois. She is currently a senior music education major at EIU, where she participates in the Wind Symphony and Concert Choir ensembles.



Rylee Beckel (Sarah)

Rylee Beckel is a sophomore musical theatre major and music minor. She was just recently a part of EIU's *Children of Eden*. Rylee would like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive!



Stephen Torres (Petruccio)

Stephen Torres is a junior student from St. Charles. He has participated in multiple musical ensembles throughout his childhood and has been in multiple performances including *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Demetrius.



Tei Kupferer (Almirena)

Tei Kupferer is a freshman music education major from Martinsville.



Brianna Olshawsky (Maria)

Brianna Olshawsky is a sophomore theatre major at EIU. She has participated in many productions here at EIU including *Children of Eden*, *Xanadu*, and *Down in the Valley*. She is so excited for everyone to see the show!

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