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SWOSU Opera Workshop of Handel's *Alcina* Set for Feb. 29-March 1

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Opera Workshop will present Handel's *Alcina* on February 29/March 1 on the Weatherford campus.

The SWOSU Department of Music event will feature the three acts of the opera and involve several groups and students, including the SWOSU Symphony Orchestra, Southwestern Singers and selected vocal soloists.

Shows are at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1 in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Kristin Griffeath said the opera will be presented in Italian with projected translations.

"If you like beautiful melodies, this opera does not disappoint with some of Handel's most beloved arias, including "Verdi prati," and "Ah, mio cor," Griffeath said. "Rife with passion, characters in disguise, gravity-defying vocal runs and magic, the opera will keep you as enchanted as the island on which it is set."

Featured include the SWOSU Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Alex Lee; Southwestern Singers, chorus prepared by Dr. Daniel Farris; selected vocal soloists, under the direction of Drs. Kristin and Robin Griffeath, and including: Elizabeth Edge and Whitney Kleinpeter (*Alcina*); Emma Davis and Gina Patterson (*Ruggiero*); Brianna Boyce (*Bradamante*); Arianna Martin (*Morgana*); Ashton Odom and Gillyan Morales (*Oberta*); Benjamin Brewster and Laekel McHenry (*Oronte*); and Abigail Kerr and Mikendell Reuter (*Melissa*).

Lighting and scenic design is by Bryce Wood with support from the Fine Arts Auditorium staff. The set pieces and props are provided by Jessica Salmans and the SWOSU Department of Art, Communication and Theatre.