



Opera Featured this Friday and Saturday at SWOSU

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The SWOSU Opera Workshop Production will feature a short love duet from Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and the full presentation of Puccini's one-act opera, *Suor Angelica*, this Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford.

The opera will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Admission is free, and the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The feature presentation, "*Suor Angelica*" depicts Sister Angelica, a Florentine noblewoman, who has been urged by her relatives to go into hiding, following an adolescent mistake, and for seven years has been confidently waiting for exciting news from her family or friends.

Featured singers include Alyssa Garcia, Karena Van Horn, Whitney Kleinpeter, Elizabeth Stewart, Avery Morrison, Gina Patterson, Anna Willman, Hannah Detweiler, Arianna Martin and Nick Warren with angelic cameo appearances by Quentin (age 7) and Keira (age 5) DiPaolo.

"The music is breathtakingly gorgeous, featuring lush orchestration and soaring arias that will pull at your heartstrings," said Kristin Griffeath, associate professor in the SWOSU Department of Music.

The collaborative performance is presented by the SWOSU Music Department, featuring solo singers (directed by Drs. Kristin and Robin Griffeath), SWOSU Symphony Orchestra (conducted by Dr. Alex Lee), SWOSU Community Chorus (prepared by Dr. Daniel Farris), sets and costumes prepared by the SWOSU Department of Art, Communication, and Theatre (under the supervision of Jessica Salmans and with the help of theatre major Kendra Place), and lighting supervised by Fine Arts Auditorium Manager Bryce Wood.

For more information, contact Kristin Griffeath at 580.774.3219 or kristin.griffeath@swosu.edu.

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