

SWOSU Sets Opera Workshop Production of Die Fledermaus

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The Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Daniel Farris, joins a cast of Southwestern Oklahoma State University students, directed by Drs. Kristin and Robin Griffeath, to present a comic operetta—Die Fledermaus—this Wednesday through Friday, November 16-18, on the Weatherford campus.

The public is invited to the 6:30 p.m. performances each night in the Fine Arts Center. Admission is free.

Presented completely in English translation with spoken dialogue between musical numbers, this is an excellent “first opera” to experience, especially if a person enjoys musicals, according to Dr. Kristin Griffeath of the SWOSU Music Department.

Janis South (piano) and Hayden Stephenson (flute) play the orchestral reduction with set pieces painted by the SWOSU Theatre Department and cast members under the direction of Jessica Salmans.

This comic operetta in three acts by Johann Strauss presents the comical misadventures of Gabriel Eisenstein, victim of his friend’s, Dr. Falke’s, revenge. At Falke’s behest, Eisenstein ditches his appointment in jail for a night out at Orlovsky’s speakeasy--only to be discovered by his wife, Rosalinda, who is disguised as a mysterious Hungarian countess. Hilarity ensues, with a musical score punctuated by virtuosic arias and tuneful choruses.