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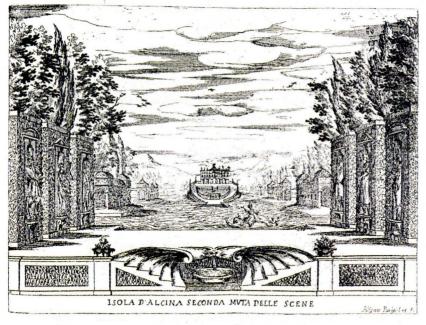
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Students of the Caine College of the Arts Performance Practice Institute present

La Liberazione di Ruggiero dall'Isola d'Alcina The Rescue of Ruggiero from the Island of Alcina

Francesca Caccini (1625), a puppet opera in four scenes



March 18 & 19 - 7:30 PM | March 19 - 1:30 PM Morgan Theatre, Chase Fine Arts Center, USU Campus

In Memoriam Margriet Tindemans (1951–2014)

La liberazione di Ruggiero dall'isola d'Alcina Francesca Caccini (1587-ca. 1641)

Prologue

(At Sea) Neptune, River Vistula, Chorus of Water Deities

> Scene I (Approaching the Island of Alcina) *Melissa*

Scene II

(On the Shore of Alcina's Island, near her palace) Alcina, Ruggiero, Chorus of Damsels, Shepherd, Siren, Melissa (Atlantes), Enchanted Plants, Messenger

Scene III

(Alcina's Island, the sea is on fire) Alcina, Chorus of Monsters, Astolfo, Melissa

Scene IV

(Alcina's Island, cliffs over the sea) Melissa, Enchanted Ladies of the Isle, Knights Freed from Enchantment

Supertitle translations of the libretto provided by Alessandra Visconti.

For more information on the work, you are invited to visit: http://blog.magnificatbaroque. com/2011/01/11/francesca-caccini-and-la-liberazione-di-ruggiero-part-1-about-francesca/

Singers

Melissa Alcina Ruggiero Nettuno Nunzia Sirena Pastore D. Disincantata

Vistola Fiume Astolfo Emily Cottam Allysa Packard Ben Krutsch Sam Meredith Sara Low Brooklyn Dyer Sarah Gee Kaylee Ann Simmons Brad Summers Andrew Taylor

Chorus

Amanda Glancy, Audrey Erickson, Kahaia Condie, Rebecca Soelberg, Kaylee Ann Simmons, Kiah Brown, Ali Neuberger, Kaylyn Taylor, Josh Musselman

Instrumental Ensemble

Violin

Viola Cello Recorder Estelle Carr Chandra Harvey Amanda Marshall Gavon Peck Josiah Cordes Christopher Scheer* Leslie Timmons*

Continuo Group

Viola d'Gamba Craig Trompeter* Harpsichord and Organ Dallas Heaton* Samantha Bunderson Theorbo David Walker* Harp Chilali Hugo*

Puppeteers/Stage Crew

Dmitri Carter* Alexa Sand* Annette Summers Deprise Jolley Sami Manchester Eliza Shoell Claire Louise Harlan Cathryn Haubner Anna Bodily Tavya McCoy Belen Moyano

Faculty Coaches

Cindy Dewey Dallas Heaton Mark Lee Koven Rebecca McFaul Katherine Petersen Robert Waters

*Indicates CCA Faculty or Visiting

Artists

Megan Albrechtsen Haley Badger **Jill Bruggeman** Mallory Cullev Mason Galecki Haddie Holt Hannah Johansen Deprise Jolley Sami Manchester Shelby Mills Kadeeja Niang Jessica Olson Michael Peine Kaitlin Schramm Bria Stewart Annette Summers Meghan Tatom Lilv Valeika Bailey Allred Elise Anderson Gravson Brasier Zeb Burdick Justeen Burger Keisha Cepeda

Sara Funk Marissa Garner Megan Gowans Natalie Howard Dairdre Maw Meg Nelson Giovanni Parker Meleah Sanders Ieremy Sweeten Brynley Valentine Andrew Worrall Amber Archibald Hope Bell Savannah Braegger Brianne Brooks Ka Kin Chiu Eliza Cope Marcus Crapse Halev Dial Madison Fowler Brenda Hawley Cydney Knight Rachel Moore Iennifer Muller Diana Nava

Josh Olsen Carley Sevfried Austin Thomas Ellie Thorson Heather Whitlock Iennica Williams Kristen Beus Teancum Horning Seth Jensen Devin Jeske **Bailee** Iones Nathan Kozlowski Alisa Lyman Christian Madsen Kelleen O'Hara Kaitlin Olsen Sabrvna Parker Macey Scoresby Lee Shaw Tyler Staheli Lydia Tullis Brennan White Sierra Wise Alvssa Woolstenhulme Izzy Worland

<u>Artists</u>

Dmitri Carter is a founding member of Carter Family Marionettes and has been a professional puppeteer since childhood. Since 1996, he has worked full-time at Northwest Puppet Center and he currently serves as Director. Performing, teaching and researching puppetry has lead to extensive travels, including stints in Uzbekistan, Mexico, Romania, Japan, Austria, Germany, China, and across the



US. The family's work has been honored with three "Citations of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry" from the American chapter of *Union International de la Marionette* (UNIMA).

In 2001, the family ensemble began a decade of producing marionette operas. In June of 2006, the Carter Family production of Franz Joseph Haydn's <u>The Burning</u> <u>House</u> played to sold out crowds at Musikfestspiele Potsdam Sanssouci receiving praises from Potsdam and Berlin critics. Dmitri has also participated in numerous collaborative productions including a water puppetry spectacle with Chinese master puppeteer Yang Feng, adaptations of Northwest Coast legends shared by Elders of the Makah Tribe, and the Kennedy Center commissioned production of <u>Cathay – 3 Tales of China</u>.

Along with performing, Dmitri has been involved with researching and documenting puppetry traditions. In 2003, UNIMA presented him with an International Scholarship Award to study the marionettes in Quanzhou, China under the acclaimed master

Huang Yi Oue. In 2005, he completed a survey of puppets for the MIT based Museum Loan Network, a national initiative established and funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts and The Knight Foundation. In 2008, Dmitri was one of 5 artists in America selected by Japan-US Friendship Commission for The Creative Artist Fellowship, a joint effort of NEA and Japan's Ministry of Culture. He spent 5 months in Japan developing new skills, witnessing puppetry traditions and meeting colleagues. In 2009, "Puppetry International" published their first list of "40 under 40" including Dmitri. He is currently surveying The Cook/Marks Collection, one of the most important puppetry collections in the world with over 5,000 works spanning a couple centuries and many global cultures.

Craig Trompeter (Music Director) has performed in concert and over the airwaves with Second City Musick, Music of the Baroque, the Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago Opera Theater, the Cal Players, the Oberlin Consort of Viols, and Great Lakes Baroque. He has performed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Glimmerglass Festival, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and the Valletta International Baroque Festival in Malta. He has appeared as soloist at the Ravinia Festival, the annual

conference of the American Bach Society, with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and with Music of the Baroque. Trompeter has recorded works of Mozart, Biber, Boismortier, Marais, Handel, Greene, Henry Eccles, and a potpourri of Elizabethan composers on the Harmonia Mundi, Cedille, and Centaur labels. As a modern cellist, he was a founding member of the Fry Street String Quartet. He premiered several chamber operas by MacArthur Fellow John Eaton, performing as actor, singer and cellist. Trompeter has taught master classes at his alma mater, the Cleveland Institute of Music, Grinnell College, and the Chicago Musical College. In 2003 he founded the Feldenkrais® Center of Chicago where he teaches Awareness Through Movement[®] and Functional Integration[®] He has given Feldenkrais workshops throughout the nation in universities, music conservatories, and dance studios. He is Artistic Director of Chicago's acclaimed Haymarket Opera Company which specializes in period performances of 17th- and 18th-century opera and oratorio.

David Walker (Theorbo) has performed extensively throughout the United States as lutenist and guitarist, earning praise for his "surety of technique and expressive elegance," (Columbus Dispatch) as well as his "tremendous dexterity and careful control" (Bloomington Herald Times). David has appeared with such ensembles as Boston Baroque, Chatham Baroque, Clarion Music Society, the Smithsonian Chamber Players, and Tempesta di Mare, and is a member of the chamber ensemble Ostraka. He has performed in numerous baroque opera productions, including engagements with Glimmerglass Opera and the Wolf Trap Opera Company. Festival highlights include the Savannah

Music Festival, Indianapolis Early Music Festival, and solo recitals for the Bloomington Early Music Festival and the University of Louisville Guitar Festival. Recording credits include Ostraka's critically acclaimed debut, Division, and Boston Baroque's 2015 Grammynominated recording of Claudio Monteverdi's Il Ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria. David studied with Nigel North at Indiana University and privately with Patrick O'Brien.







Suzanne G. Cusick (guest scholar), Professor of Music on the Faculty of Arts and Science at New York University has published extensively on gender and sexuality in relation to the musical cultures of early modern Italy and of contemporary North America, including in the collections *Musicology and Difference, Queering the Pitch*, and *Audible Traces*. Her feminist readings of early modern music and musical culture have appeared in *JAMS*, *Early Music, The Cambridge Companion* to Monteverdi, and the Brazilian journal Per Musi. Revista Academica de Musica. Cusick's book, Francesca Caccini at the Medici Court: Music and the Circulation of Power (Chicago, 2009), received the 2010 book prize of the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women. Since 2003 she



has edited *Women and Music. A Journal of Gender of Culture*, the first journal (and still the only English-language journal) focused on the relationship of gender and sexuality to musical culture. She currently studies the use of noise, music and "gender coercion" in the detention and interrogation of prisoners held during the 21st-century's "war on terror," work for which she received the Philip Brett Award given by the LGBTQ Study Group of the American Musicological Society in 2007.

The Producers

Alexa Sand is Associate Professor of Art History, Assistant Department Head of Art and Design, and Faculty Fellow in the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. Her scholarship concerns later medieval French and English manuscript illumination and small-scale sculpture. Her book, *Vision, Devotion, and Self-Representation in Late Medieval Art* appeared in 2014, and she was recently selected as a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Center for the Advanced Study of the Visual Arts at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Christopher M. Scheer is the Associate Professor of Musicology at USU, Director of the Music Department Academic Area, Director of the Performance Practice Institute, and Curator of the Museum + Music Series at the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art. He is a scholar of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century British Musical Culture and coeditor of, and contributor to, the recent volume *The Sea in the British Musical Imagination* published by Boydell in 2015.

The Performance Practice Institute at USU

The Performance Practice Institute (PPI) at the Caine College of the Arts embodies a projectbased approach to the study of the history of performance, which enriches the intellectual and artistic life of the students involved while making accessible to Utah audiences exciting concerts of lesser known repertoires, especially those from the pre-1750 period. Events in this series are held in the spring, with a yearly alternation between larger projects and more modest events that build upon the previous year's activities.

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