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# Gianni Schicchi

## Giacomo Puccini

Wednesday and Thursday, March 18th and 19th  
7:00 p.m. - Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall

### CAST

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<b>Gianni Schicchi.</b> <i>Baritone</i>	David Malis
<b>Lauretta,</b> <i>his daughter, Soprano</i>	Morgan Aldridge
<b>Zita,</b> <i>Buoso's Cousin, Mezzo-Soprano</i>	Lisa Kulczak
<b>Rinuccio,</b> <i>Zita's nephew. Tenor</i>	Daniel Salls
<b>Gherardo,</b> <i>Buoso's nephew. Tenor</i>	Judd Burns
<b>Nella,</b> <i>his wife, Soprano</i>	Leanne Scaggs
<b>Gherardino,</b> <i>their son. Mezzo-Soprano</i>	Ashlyn Berry
<b>Betto,</b> <i>Buoso's brother in law, Baritone</i>	Taylor Wilson
<b>Simone,</b> <i>Buoso's cousin, Bass</i>	Mark Haney
<b>Marco,</b> <i>his son. Baritone</i>	Chris Senty
<b>Ciesca,</b> <i>Marco's wife. Soprano</i>	Haley Henderson
<b>Master Spinelloccio,</b> <i>Physician. Bass</i>	Jordan Brown
<b>Amantio Di Nicolao,</b> <i>Notary. Bass</i>	S. Michael Shuman

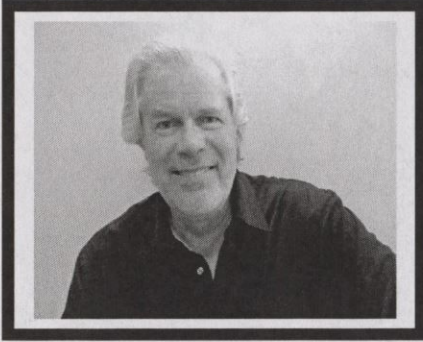
### SYNOPSIS

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*When the rich and powerful Buoso Donati dies, his family's excitement about his estate is infinitely greater than their sorrow over his loss. They start searching for his will like a flock of hungry vultures. Apparently Buoso Donati has bequeathed everything to a monastery. There is absolutely no way they will allow this to happen. They search any means to seize the fortune. Rinuccia, the youngest scion of the family, suggests asking Gianni Schicchi, the father of her lover, for advice. They shudder at the mention of his name, but Gianni Schicchi is already on his way and proves to be a man with ideas.*

## BIOGRAPHY

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### **David Malis** *Stage Direction*

David Malis is Director of Opera and Assistant Professor of Voice at the University of Arkansas. The first American to win the Cardiff "Sing of the World" Competition, Professor Malis has sung leading roles at Major international opera houses for three decades, including Teatro alla Scala in Milan, the Royal Opera/Covent Garden in London, the Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires, the Welsh National Opera, the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris, the San Francisco Opera and the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.



### **Dr. Robert Mueller** *Conductor*

Robert Mueller conducts the University of Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and teaches music composition and music theory. He is Chair of the Composition/Theory Area. Dr. Mueller's music has been performed nationwide by the Cincinnati, Omaha, Fort Smith, Lansing, Arkansas, and North Arkansas Symphonies.

### *Special Thanks*

**Dr. Moon-Park, Alex Franco, and Savannah Bequeaith** *Makeup*

**Yulia Orlova** *Opera Theatre's amazing Collaborative Pianist*

**Professor Jura Margulis** *for taking the time from his excellent Piano Performance Studio to play Buoso Donati!*

**Stephanie Burnett** *Supertitles*

**Haley Henderson** *Graphic Design/Poster*

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