KSU OPERA THEATER presents

Opera Gala

SURGE of POWER

The Coronation of Poppea
Claudio Monteverdi

The Marriage of Figaro
Wolfgang A. Mozart

The Count Ory
Gioachino Rossini

Carmen
Georges Bizet

The Valkyre (Die Walküre)
Richard Wagner
Kennesaw State University School of Music
Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 8:00 pm
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall
One Hundred and Fourth Concert of the 2014-15 Concert Season

Opera Theater Gala
Spring 2015
Eileen Moremen, Interim Opera Director
Judy Cole, Arie Motschman, Coaches

L’incoronazione di Poppea
(The Coronation of Poppea)
Claudio Monteverdi
(1567-1643)
libretto by Giovanni Francesco

Act 1, Scene 7
Seneca: Sean Eliason
Men’s Ensemble: Reed Williams, Daniel Hidalgo, Ryan Cox, Timothy Marshall

Act 2, Scene 8
Poppea: Shannan O’Dowd
Nerone: Camille Hathaway
Dorian Silva, cello
Arie Motschman, harpsichord
**Le Comte Ory**  
*(The Count Ory)*

Gioacchino Rossini  
(1792-1868)  
libretto by Eugène Scribe

**Act 2, Scene 1**

*Countess Formoutiers:* Siobhan Rodriguez  
*Ragonde:* Leah Sexton  
*Ladies in waiting:*  
Annie Lovvorn, Victoria Carracci, Shannan O'Dowd, Rachel Stein,  
Christina Vehar, Elena Prestwood, Julie Mitchell, Susan Reyes  
*Men’s Ensemble:*  
*Count:* Reed Williams  
*Cavalier:* Ryan Cox  
*Raimbaud:* Terrell Flemmings  
*Tutor:* Timothy Marshall

Selena Sanchez and Cameron Austin, percussion

**Carmen**

George Bizet  
(1838-1875)  
libretto by Ludovic Halévy and Henri Meilhac

**Act 1, Scene 5, Habanera**

*Carmen:* Julie Mitchell

**Act 3, Scene 20**

Frasquita: Annie Lovvorn  
Mercedes: Christina Vehar  
*Carmen:* Julie Mitchell

Judy Cole, piano
Die Walküre  
(The Valkyre)  
Richard Wagner  
(1813-1883)

Act 3, Scene 1

*Gerhilde*: Siobhan Rodriguez  
*Helmwige*: Shannan O'Dowd  
*Waltraute*: Julie Mitchell  
*Schwertleite*: Camille Hathaway  
*Ortlinde*: Emily Crisp  
*Siegrune*: Leah Sexton  
*Grimgerde*: Elena Prestwood  
*Rossweisse*: Rachel Stein

Judy Cole and Arie Motschman, piano

Le Nozze di Figaro  
(The Marriage of Figaro)  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
(1756-1791)

Act 2 Finale

*Count Almaviva*: Ryan Cox  
*Countess Almaviva*: Emily Crisp  
*Susanna*: Victoria Carracci  
*Figaro*: Timothy Marshall  
*Antonio*: Terrell Flemings  
*Marcellina*: Susan Reyes  
*Basilio*: Daniel Hidalgo  
*Bartolo*: Sean Eliason
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KSU Wind Ensemble

Tuesday, April 21
KSU Jazz Ensembles

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