Gianni Schicchi
by
Giacomo Puccini

Opera in one act
Libretto by Giovacchino Forzano
English version by Anne and Herbert Grossman
Saturday, May 4, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 5, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m.
Written by Italian composer Giacomo Puccini later in his career, Gianni Schicchi is one of three one-act operas featured in Puccini's Il Trittico and was the only comedy he ever wrote.

The broad comedy is based on a greedy family trying to gain the assets of their dead relative, Buoso Donati. Set in mid-13th Century Florence. A local con-artist, Gianni Schicchi, is solicited by the family to help secure their inheritance by making a new will. Schicchi's daughter, Lauretta, wishes to marry Buoso's nephew Rinuccio, but without a dowry the family will not allow such union. Through his own cunning, Gianni Schicchi turns the con into an advantage securing the majority of wealth for himself and a dowry for his daughter.

The one-act format is a delightful character study of Buoso Donati's family in their desperate and comical dealings with his death.

Characters
Gianni Schicchi
Lauretta - Schicchi's daughter
Zita - "Old Woman," Buoso's cousin
Rinuccio - Zita's nephew, in love with Lauretta
Gherardo - Buoso's nephew
Nella - Gherardo's wife
Gherardino - Gherardo and Nella's son
Betto, of Signa - Buoso's brother-in-law
Simone - Buoso's cousin
Marco - Simone's son
La Ciesca - Marco's wife
Master Spinelloccio - Physician
Amantio di Nicolao - Notary/Lawyer
Pinellino - Mortician
Guccia - Dyer

Gianni Schicchi
Kimm Julian, Musical Director and Conductor
Lauren M. Weber, Director
John Paul, Scene Design
Lisa Phillips, Production Stage Manager
David McCarl, Costume Design
John Foderick, Lighting
Youna Choi, Musical Preparation
Gabe Hilger, Illustrator

Orchestra:
1st Violin: Mark Wamma
2nd Violin: Aaron Hanson
Viola: Beth Thoms
Cello: Lynne Weber
Bass: Dan Nonweiler
Flute: Ruth Giles
Clarinet: Dick Weber
Oboe: Martha Lindberg
Bassoon: Dawn Punke
Horn: Brian DeGayner
Trumpet: Doug Snapp
Percussion: Rod Urtel & Terry Lillis
Trombone: Gerard Aloisio
Piano: Youna Choi

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