

## Upcoming Events

Boschee Flute Studio Recital	April 21
University Band/Grand Forks City Band	April 22
Jazz Ensembles	April 23
All Choirs	April 24
Wind Ensemble/Chamber Orchestra	April 26



### *La Pizza del Destino*

Music by Stephen Cohen  
Libretto by Joseph Renard

and

### *Silver Fox*

Music by Libby Larsen  
Libretto by John Olive



presented by

### *The UND Opera Workshop Ensemble*

Friday & Sunday, April 18 & 20, 2008  
Josephine Campbell Recital Hall  
Friday - 7:30 p.m., Sunday - 2:00 p.m.

# Program

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## LA PIZZA DEL DESTINO

An Opera in One Act  
Music by Stephen Cohen  
Libretto by Joseph Renard

Cast of Characters  
(In order of appearance)

Joe	Christopher Beckman
Maria	Elizabeth Livingood
Mamma Mia	Louise Pinkerton
Their Customers	Kenneth Granle, Danielle Hale, Molly Hoffman, Emily Hogenson, Shawn Rasch, Brent Salwei, Jeff Tilley

### String Quartet

Amy Boese (Violin I), Jenna Loeppke (Violin II),  
Brit Peterson (Viola), Cailin Bailey ('Cello)

# Personnel

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Producer: Dr. Anne Christopherson  
Stage Director: Dr. Jim Williams  
Musical Director/Conductor: Dr. Anne Christopherson  
Coaches: Dr. Naomi Niskala  
Dr. Anne Christopherson  
Chung Park  
Costume Designer: Tracey Lyons  
Technical Directors: Shawn and Jennette Rasch  
Advertising/Programs: Tamara Mulske  
Administrative Assistant: Janice Hoffarth

We wish to thank the Department of Theatre for its provision of faculty time, rehearsal space, costumes, set pieces and props. We also wish to thank the Department of Music for its continued support of the mission of the Opera Workshop to provide the students with a unique educational opportunity through the performance of lyric theatre repertoire.

# Cast

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Christopher Beckman	B.M. Music Ed.	Stanley
Kenneth Granle	Bachelor of Arts	Mantorville, MN
Danielle Hale	B.M. Voice Perf.	Aberdeen, SD
Emily Hogenson	B.M. Voice Perf.	St. Cloud, MN
Molly Hoffman	B.M. Voice Perf.	Devils Lake
Jilliann Law	M.M. Voice Perf.	West Springfield, PA
Elizabeth Livingood	B.M. Mus. Therapy	Detroit Lakes, MN
Louise Pinkerton	UND Faculty	
Shawn Rasch	B.M.Voice Perf. (Hardin-Simmons)	Abilene, TX
Brent Salwei	Bachelor of Arts	Arthur
Jeffrey Tilley	M.M. Choral Cond.	Grand Forks

# Program

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## *The Silver Fox*

An Opera for Young People  
Music by Libby Larsen  
Libretto by John Olive

Cast of Characters  
(In order of appearance)

Tante Marie	Danielle Hale
Titine	Jilliann Law
T-Boy	Shawn Rasch
Carrie Mae	Emily Hogenson
LaFourche	Jeff Tilley
Squire	Kenneth Granle

### Chorus

Christopher Beckman, Elizabeth Livingood, Brent Salwei

### Trio

Naomi Niskala (Keyboard), Amy Boese (Violin),  
Kristin Penman (Flute/Piccolo)

# LA PIZZA DEL DESTINO

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All the action (the making, ordering and serving of pizza) takes place at Joe's Pizzeria, Anywhere, USA.

La Pizza Del Destino was first performed as the finale of the Orion Repertory Company's revue "Heavy Confetti" which ran at the WPA Theater in New York City, October 10 – 19, 1975. The newest (1998) revision and full orchestration is dedicated to the memory of Joseph Renard (1940 – 1997).



# *The Silver Fox*

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In a town in backwoods Louisiana, four people dream wonderfully vivid dreams which are induced when a magical silver fox roams the woods. Each dream involves a young woman, Titine. T-Boy, who is in love with Titine, dreams of a magical life together. Carrie Mae, who loves T-Boy, dreams of a gala ball at which she and Titine are guests. LaFourche, Titine's self-appointed guardian, dreams of becoming wealthy by bartering for her hand in marriage. The Squire, a wealthy, lonely and somewhat addled man, dreams of buying her love. Poor Titine dreams strange, confused dreams of fire and flying through the forest. She wants only to be left alone by all so that she can decide her own destiny.

To win her hand, T-Boy decides to shoot the silver fox for Titine. He tells Carrie Mae and sets off in pursuit of the fox. At the same time, LaFourche and the Squire barter for Titine. When she learns of LaFourche's treachery, she runs into the forest, confused and crying. Tante Marie, a mysterious woman of the woods, appears and comforts Titine, telling her that she is the Silver Fox and that she must look to herself for strength and courage. In the meantime, the others have gathered in the woods looking for Titine. The Squire finds her and calls the others. In terror and confusion she finally transforms herself into the Silver Fox and escapes. When she reappears T-Boy rushes in and takes aim. But Carrie Mae breaks his aim and he shoots the Squire and Titine/Silver Fox escapes. The others gather around the Squire. After determining that he is only grazed, Titine appears – more radiant than ever. Titine reconciles with all and takes leave of them to live a magical life in the forest.

The Silver Fox was commissioned by The Schubert Club, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1978, through the graciousness of Mrs. Shepherd.

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