



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

TEXAS TECH

J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts



PEE PAW IS DEAD!

An Opera Scenes Production

Texas Tech Opera Theatre Workshop Class

Tuesday, April 21th, 2026 | 7:30 pm

The CH Foundation The Legacy of Christine DeVitt Black Box Theatre

UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATRE

CHARACTER

Julie
Malika
GiGi (Augusta)
Nemorino
Brandi
Susie
Amelia
Zoe
Norma
Dorine
Lizzie
Tony
Junior

CAST

Olivia Burns
Joy Geria
Ashton Aranda
Kayden Bawa
Amanda Nguyen
Edna Valles
Alyssa Wilson
Cora-Grace Smith
Emma Porter
Katie Ball
Ariana Sanchez
Naehyeog Kang
Avery Corder

PRODUCTION LEADERSHIP

Stage Director
Vocal Coach
Rehearsal Pianists
Production Pianist
Set Designer
Props Masters
Marketing
Concept Architects and Librettists

Emma Louise Steiner
Jared Tehse
Jared Tehse, Hanwen Cao
Jared Tehse
Emma Louise Steiner
Olivia Burns, Joy Geria, Lianjia Zhang
Joy Geria
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Ashton Aranda
Kayden Bawa
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ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

This opera scene's production is novel and sure to be unlike any you've seen before. It was entirely conceptualized and created by all the students enrolled in this spring semester of Opera Workshop. The students chose to deviate from the usual approach to opera scenes, which typically features a series of unrelated scenes over an hour, and instead decided to craft a narrative where these classical pieces could tell a new story. They selected the music, designed the concept, setting, and characters. Additionally, they wrote all the dialogue. This performance serves as the culmination of a semester-long project that has enabled them all to grow as artists and performers.

CONTENT WARNING

This opera production contains mature themes, which may be inappropriate for children. Viewer discretion is advised.

PROLOGUE

On a crisp spring day, we gather for Horace's (affectionately called Pee Paw) wake. Horace was the devoted father of Amelia and Nemorino and the grandfather of Zoe and Brandi. He is lovingly remembered by his sister, Dorine, and his best friend, Susie. The wake is hosted by his wife, Augusta, often known as Gigi, at their home. Mysterious guests threaten to disrupt the event and reveal secrets that challenge the family's understanding of who their father, husband, and friend truly was.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Trombone Ensembles

8:00 PM, Wednesday, April 22nd
Hemmler Recital Hall

Symphonic Band

7:30 PM, Thursday, April 23rd
Hemmler Recital Hall

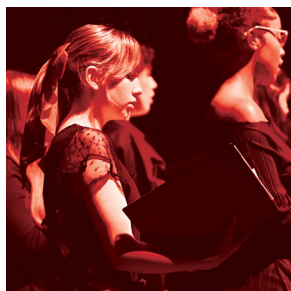


Texas Tech Music Theatre and Opera Theatre Collaboration: Sweeney Todd

7:30 PM, Thursday, April 23rd
Maedgen Theatre

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7:30 PM, Friday, April 24th
Maedgen Theatre



Kevin Wass Tuba Faculty Recital

4:00 PM, Saturday, April 25th
School of Music East Rehearsal Hall

Sandy Silva Guest Artist Recital

4:00 PM, Saturday, April 25th
Hemmler Recital Hall

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2:00 PM, Sunday, April 26th
Maedgen Theatre

University Band

2:00 PM, Sunday, April 26th
Hemmler Recital Hall



Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra

7:30 PM, Sunday, April 26th
Hemmler Recital Hall

Concert Band

7:30 PM, Monday, April 27th
Hemmler Recital Hall