

Prexie Performers Present

LEND ME A TENOR

by Ken Ludwig



January 25, 26, & 27, 2017

7pm

Washington High School LCI

\$3 Students/ \$5 Adults

About the Show

Cleveland's Grand Opera Company is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the marvelous Il Stupendo, Tito Merelli. Known for his grand tenor vocal stylings, Tito is scheduled to appear as Otello for one evening. Suffering from too much food and travel Tito is told to take his pills. Unbeknownst to him, he takes too many tranquilizers and falls into a deep sleep. Keeping to the motto, "the show must go on" Saunders and Max concoct a plan that results in a frenzied series of events and mishaps. The hotel suite is filled with nonstop action: women running in and out, a starstruck bellhop and bubbles. Enjoy this hilarious award winning comedy/farce!

Lend Me A Tenor is the winner of 3 Tony Awards and 4 Drama Desk Awards



Director... Brandy LaQuatra

Assistant Director... Sarah Boice

Lend Me A Tenor

Cast of Characters

MAX

Assistant to Saunders
Mason Montgomery

MAGGIE

Max's girlfriend
Emily Stofan

SAUNDERS

Maggie's father,
Manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company
Owen Funk (Wednesday)
Daniel Gysi (Thursday and Friday)

TITO MERELLI

A world famous tenor, Il Stupendo
Brandon Russi

MARIA

Tito's wife
Amanda Reilly

BELLHOP

a bellhop
Michael Cummins

DIANA

a soprano
Alivia Montgomery

JULIA

Chairman of the Opera Guild
Shelby Studt

ACT I

Scene One- Early afternoon on a Saturday in September
Scene Two- Four Hours later

SETTING

a hotel suite in Cleveland, Ohio

ACT II

Scene One- That night, about eleven o'clock
Scene Two- Fifteen minutes later

TIME

1934

TECHNICAL/PROMOTIONAL TEAM

Light/Sound/Music Sarah Boice, Mayla Hobson

Photography..... Sarah Boice

Program/Posters/Advertising..... Brandy LaQuatra

Stage Combat Tonya Lynn

Set Design..... Terry Malley, Matt Boice,
Sarah Boice, & Brandy LaQuatra

Set Construction..... Terry Malley, Matt Boice, Nathan Shallcross,
Steven Shallcross and Zack Bernie

Stage Manager/Props..... Nathan Shallcross

Video Filming..... Steven Shallcross

Assistant Director..... Sarah Boice

Director..... Brandy LaQuatra



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MAX

Mason Montgomery is a sophomore this year. This is his second show with the Prexie Performers. He is also the best student in the entire world who is always on top of things. He would like to thank Miss s.LaQuatra and Ms.Boice for everything they have done for the cast these past hard winter months.



MAGGIE

Emily Stofan is a junior performing in her 3rd Prexie Performers production. She is very grateful to be part of such a family of cast members and hopes you'll enjoy the show. She is also writing her biography at the last minute because she's a stupid! :^)

HENRY SAUNDERS

Owen Funk is a sophomore at Washington High School. This is his 3rd play with the Prexie Performers. He is also part of the band, tennis and soccer teams. He would like to thank Miss Boice and Miss LaQuatra for pushing him to do his best. He would also like to thank all of his family and friends.



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HENRY SAUNDERS

Playing Henry Saunders in the Thursday and Friday performances is sophomore Daniel Gysi. This is Daniel's second mirthful year of involvement with the Prexie Performers, having appeared as James Keller in *The Miracle Worker* and assisting with the production of *The Heir Apparent* as a freshman. Danny G. runs cross country and is a member of academic league and the math competition team. He would like to thank all those who have made this play possible, as well as his amazing and inspiring friends, his magic ponytail, and his pet lizard, Sophia. To his fellow actors, break a leg!

TITO MERELLI

Lend Me A Tenor will be Brandon's third production with the Prexie Performers. He will be playing the role of Tito, a well known opera singer. Brandon would like to thank his cast mates for making this year another successful and enjoyable one. He would also like to thank his girlfriend, and parents for dealing with his crazy schedule. He hopes all of you enjoy the show. Thank you for coming. Even if it was just for the bonus points.



MARIA MERELLI

Amanda Reilly, 15, will be playing Maria Merelli in Lend Me A Tenor. This is her first play with Prexie Performers, out of 12 productions. From a munchkin in *"The Wizard of Oz"* with Washington Community Theatre at nine, to a sassy Italian now, she can't wait to see what else she can bring to the stage. Amanda wants to thank any friends and family for coming, and wishes the best of luck to her fellow cast members!

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Michael Cummings is in 9th grade. This is his first production with the Prexie Performers. Last year he played Uncle Fester in *The Addams Family* with Prexie Musical Theatre. He loves jokes, music, spoken word poetry and computers. He is excited to make you laugh this evening.



DIANA

Alivia is a junior at Wash High and this is her 2nd production with the Prexie Performers. She appreciates the continuous love and support from her best friends, cast-mates, and family. She admits that this role was tough to play, but she thanks her cast mates for all the motivation throughout it all! She hopes you enjoy the laughter, scandals, and amore during the show!!

JULIA EVERETT

Shelby Study is a junior at Washington high School. She plays the character, Julia Leverett, Chairman of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company. This is her second play with the Prexie Performers. She thanks her family for letting her participate. She also really didn't feel like writing this biography.



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LIGHTS/SOUND

Mayla Hobson is a Junior here at Wash High. This is her first time being involved in a play and has found a love for it. She is doing the lights and sound for the show and hopes you enjoy the play tonight!

SET CONSTRUCTION/STAGE MANAGER

Nathan Shallcross is in 12th grade and this is his second year with the Prexie Performers. He has contributed to the play through the construction of the set and the role of stage manager. His favorite memories from this years production was messing up on the tech booth during practice. Nathan wishes he would have tried out for a part, but he was glad to be apart of the work that happens behind the scenes.



VIDEO FILMING/SET CONSTRUCTION

Steven Shallcross is in 12th grade. He has contributed to the success of this play through the design and construction of the set. He would like to thank Miss LaQuatra and Ms. Boice for being such great directors and also Terry for showing him new skills while constructing the set. His favorite memories of this years production was filling in for Mason when he didn't come to practice and becoming a part of the Prexie Performer family. It has been an awesome experience and he will miss it greatly.



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Zach Berdine is a sophomore this year and this is his second show with the Prexie Performers. He spends his free time helping out with the play and playing soccer. He has helped with the construction for two years. He would like to thank his mom and dad for having him and caring for him. He would like to thank his brother, Anthony Bernie for giving him laughs and always believing in him. Lastly, he would like to thank his dad's girlfriend and his mom's boyfriend for feeding him and taking him places. The last person he would like to thank is Miss LaQuatra for putting the show together and making it fun while working. He is thankful for joining the program and he looks forward to doing it again.



Thank You for Your Support and Efforts

Miss Boice- I am so thankful for you. Your positivity, work ethic and passion for our kids and the arts is inspiring. I truly enjoy working with you and am thankful for your talents, contributions and friendship. Thank you for creating a wonderful light/sound program. Thank you for editing the green screen photos. They really add pizzazz to this show.

Terry Malley- The one, the only, set construction master!!! Your expertise, craft, skill and creativity provides us with the most visually telling sets. Your unyielding dedication to our small program models the definition of "giving back." Your sayings and jokes brighten our stage. Although sets change and alter, the imprint you leave on all of us is permanent.

Elaine Malley- for giving of your time, shopping for our concessions and supporting your daughter, Miss LaQuatra. Your support and love for her shines through to us. Thanks for feeding her too!

Matt Boice- for assisting with set design, construction and lighting issues. Your expertise and theatrical advice is truly valued. We appreciate your continuous support of the arts even in retirement.

Sunset Lodge No 623— for awarding us the "Educational Partnership Grant for the Fine Arts." With your monetary support we were able to create an authentic looking set, purchase t-shirts to commemorate the experience and pay for many props and necessities.

Opening Night Costumes- thanks to Jan Marietta and Lorry McMahan for providing the costumes for this amazing show!

Families of the Cast and Crew- for giving up your kids for the last few months & supporting us as we perfected the shows.

Mr. Kostelnik and Mr. Henderson- for supporting the continuation of the arts!

Mr. Kostelnik Sr- for assisting us with our lighting issues and expediting quick and responsive technical assistance.

Dr. DiLorenzo and Board Members- for continuous support of the arts and finding the time to always attend our shows.

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Ms. Hofrichter- for tickets, concessions and continuous support.

Mr. Campbell- for tickets, concessions and continuous support.

Cassie Dunstan- for facilitating delivery of set props and assisting with issues.

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Cindy Interval- for taking care of the performance rights and the bills!

Mr. Mancini- for expediting the funds so quickly and generously!

Custodians and Maintenance Staff- for always making sure our quaint theater looks clean and presentable, for painting the floor and for delivering our set materials.



