

U of T Opera Student Composer Collective New Music Festival

MAID & MASTER: The Massey Murder

Libretto: Michael Patrick Albano

Composers: Gavin Fraser, Katharine Petkovski,

Kento Stratford, Xintong Wang

Featuring singers of U of T Opera, U of T Chamber Choir and instrumentalists of the Faculty of Music

Sunday, January 19, 2020 2:30 pm MacMillan Theatre, 80 Queen's Park

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We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

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Conductor: Sandra Horst **Director:** Michael Patrick Albano Costume Design: Lisa Magill Lighting Design: Wesley McKenzie Hair and Makeup: James Bolton Stage Manager: Isolde Pleasants-Faulkner*

Surtitles™ creation: John Sharpe **Assistant Conductor:** Susan Black Assistant Director: Mario Pacheco

Répétiteur: Brandon Tran. Benjamin Zsoldos

Teaching Assistant, Operatic Composition course: Colin McMahon

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Cast of Characters

River Guard Charles Albert [Bert] Massey Carrie Davies, a servant in the Massey household Hartley Dewart, her defence attorney Cecilia Corfield, a journalist Carrie's soldier fiancé Rhoda Massey, Bert Massey's wife Mary Minton, a prison matron Mrs. Schofield, the Massey's housekeeper Shania Syms, an immigrant A Temperance advocate

[A suffragette **[A British Tourist**]

[A French Canadian Woman [B. K. Sardwell, a visiting critic

[A Customs Officer] [Hart Massey [Dr. Duncan Anderson Saige Carlson Adam Kuiack Midori Marsh Nicholas Higgs Maeve Palmer Sacha Smith Juliana Krajčovič **Lindsay Connolly** Alexandra Fee

Renee Fajardo

Mélissa Danis

Parker Clements

[Colonel Denison, police magistrate [Samuel Miller, foreman of the jury

[Dr. Andrew Harrington

Korin Thomas-Smith Chief Justice William Mulock, the trial judge

Elias Theocharidis Edward Du Vernet, the Crown prosecutor

Four Townswomen **Lindsay Connolly**

Renee Fajardo Maeve Palmer Sacha Smith

Alex Halliday

A chorus of servant girls U of T Chamber

Choir: Lori Dolloff,

Director

Breanne Dharmai Veronica Axenova Leticia Etelka Balogh Andrea Franco Nikole Puchkov

Madeleine Brown Alexa Frankian Nathania-Rose Chan Kitty Gao

Yelena Gavrilova Chanel Chow

Yvonne Chuna Sasha Koukarina Leandra Dahm Hoi Ling Lau Alessia D'Ambrogio Teresa Lin

Maria Deng Shelley Mayer Lissy Meyerowitz Amelia Depiero

Emily Ninavaie Rosemonde Desiardins

Saki Nishida

Abigail Sinclair Anna Tanczak

Hermione Tankard Anika Venkatesh Allyson Whitmell

Phoebe Wong Sher Yao Anita Zhang

The opera happens in various locales in the city of Toronto between February 8, 1915 and February 27, 1916.

Composed by Gavin Fraser

Scene one The Murder

Scene two We meet our narrator

Scene three Carrie meets her defence attorney

Scene four Carrie arrives in Canada

Composed by Kento Stratford

Scene five Carrie's job interview Scene six A tea party in the annex

Scene seven The Don Jail Scene eight **Opinions**

Composed by Xintong Wang

Scene nine Carrie talks with the prison matron

Scene ten A soldier's letter

Scene eleven "Something else happened, didn't it?"

Scene twelve Bert Massey's bedroom

Composed by Katharine Petkovski

Scene thirteen Carrie learns to fire a pistol
Scene fourteen Chastity demands proof
Scene fifteen A Toronto courtroom
Scene sixteen Verdict & Epilogue

The opera runs approximately 80 minutes with no intermission.

Orchestra

Violin I: Lucy Warren; Violin 2: Aryo Nazaradeh; Viola: Raphael Salonga;

Cello: Benjamin Louwersheimer; Double Bass: Connor Crone;

Flute: Ricci Ebron; Oboe: Claire Kobayakawa; Clarinet: Curtis Wright;

Bassoon: Zachary Senick; French Horn: Nathan Williams; Trumpet: Natalie Schu; Trombone: Daniel Romberger; Percussion: Mateen Mehri; Piano: Benjamin Kersey

Production

Technical Director, MacMillan Theatre: lan Albright

Technical Assistant: Les Stockley
Theatre Technician: Ross Hammond

Props: Marie Gravelle

Stage Crew: Andrew Mctaggart

