

McLennan

C O M M U N I T Y

COLLEGE

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

OPERA WORKSHOP

MUSI - 1157 - 03

DR. CORINNE PENNER, MANDY MORRISON, GAIL WADE

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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FALL 2022

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Course Description:

Presents opera music, libretti and characterization and motivational staging through the performance of an opera or opera scenes. Recommended of all music vocal majors and minors, but open to all students with consent of instructor.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

None

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

The course curriculum for MUSI 1157 satisfies the student learning outcome: *Engage in the creative process and comprehend the physical and intellectual demands of the musical artist.*

Opera Workshop studies a new operatic work each fall. The study of the work extends into the spring semester, culminating in a performance of the production. The operatic work for 2020-2021 will be The Old Maid and the Thief, by Gioncarlo Menotti.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Mandy Morrison

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Office Phone Number: 254-299-8113

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Instructor Name: Corinne Penner

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Instructor Name: Gail Wade

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Required Text & Materials:

Title: The Old Maid and the Thief

Author: Gioncarlo Menotti

Publisher: Alfred Publishing Company, Inc.

ISBN: 0-7692-4591-9

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Student performance and presentation

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Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

The study of music, libretto, characterization and staging through the performance of an opera.

Fall Semester:

Weeks 1-6: Characterization work, coachings, learning and staging of arias

Weeks 6-12: Staging of at least 1/3 of the opera

Weeks 12-14: Staging of at least 1/3 of opera

Review of all music, review of staging, and possible performance for McLennan Foundation

Spring Semester:

Weeks 1-4: Staging of at final 1/3 of opera

Weeks 4-6: Extra and extended rehearsals in place. Begin running show.

Weeks 6-7: Production mode: dress rehearsals, rehearsals with orchestra, tech calls, performances, strike

Course Outline or Schedule:

See the last page for schedule and performance contract.

Course Grading Information:

- Students are graded on Rehearsal preparation
- PUNCTUAL rehearsal attendance Timely completion of assignments Contribution to the ensemble Responsible and professional behavior
- Attendance and attention to detail in all tech calls Online recording submission and assignments
- At least one weekly grade will be taken. Grades will be based on the above criteria
- **One unexcused absence** (no show, no prior notice) **will result in the final grade being dropped one letter grade.**
- More than three excused absences will result in a meeting with the production team.
- **Absence from “strike”** (tear-down of set, costumes, and clean-up) **will result in the final grade being dropped one letter grade.**

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

In addition to the above:

- Attendance is taken at the start of class. You are expected to be early and prepared.

- Speak text in rhythm, carefully noting score indications, like meter, tempo, expressive marks, dynamics, etc.
- Conduct and speak in rhythm
- At piano, slowly play vocal line
- Intone vocal line
- Sing pitches with text in rhythm

Congratulations, you are ready to meet your coach!

Coaching etiquette and tips for the singer:

Applied voice teachers build vocal technique. Vocal coaches correct pitches, rhythms, words/diction, phrasing, expression. While some of a coach's suggestions may sound technical in nature, the coach's advice and corrections are secondary to that of the applied teacher. If information seems contradictory, ask questions. It is common for some aspects of vocal performance to be presented in wildly different ways by different teachers and coaches. For the most part, voice teachers and coaches desire the same result, but they may have unique ways of guiding you there. Trust in your innate ability to make music, but be willing to accept constructive criticism and work hard. Approach your vocal studies with a spirit of adventure -- willing to fix mistakes, try new things, and don't forget to bring some of your own ideas to the table!

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Opera Singer Checklist

- Highlight every word, pitch, stage direction, etc. that directly relates to your character (confirm and secure cuts)
- Copy sung/spoken text by hand on a piece of paper
- Read text

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

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MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Your Name | MUSI 1157 03 | PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

August 22, 2022

Opera Workshop

Contract McLennan

Community College

1400 College Dr.

Waco, TX 76708

Dates: See attached schedule

Compensation: Opera Workshop Credit and Multiple Performance Experiences with piano & orchestra

Signatures below confirm that the parties have read and approve each and all terms and conditions from all ~~pages~~ attached.

Performer: _____

Instructors:

Mrs. Mandy Morrison

Corinne Penner

mmorrison@mclennan.edu

254-299-8113

254-299-8285

BPAC 110

BPAC 114

1. The performer, in signing this contract, acknowledges his/her/their responsibility for the following rehearsal and performance schedule.
2. The performer can expect that the rehearsal schedule will not change, if possible, nor be extended.
3. The performer may not cancel this contract except for proven inability to perform due to sickness, accident, acts of war, acts of God or other legitimate causes beyond their control.
 - a. The performer is expected to arrange all transportation to and from rehearsal and performance.
 - b. The performer is expected to provide a doctor's note in the case of legitimate sickness and may be asked to observe rehearsal from a distance.
 - c. Immediate contact should be made with instructor(s) in the case of instances listed above.
4. The performer shall be responsible for all equipment required for rehearsal and performance including: score, pencil, props, and costume pieces.
5. The inability to meet requirements as outlined will result in the lowering of the performer's grade by one letter and the possible evaluation of the performer's ability to perform their role.
6. Any and all conditions are to be made prior to signing this agreement and shall be stated herein. This contract and the terms and conditions contained herein may be enforced by the instructor(s) and performer.
7. It is agreed that this contract shall not be binding unless signed by both parties.
8. **Rehearsal conflicts will be in writing (on the back) and agreed upon by all parties.**
- 9.

Performer (Signature) _____

Instructor Signatures:

Mrs. Mandy Morrison

Dr. Corinne Penner



ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to www.mclennan.edu/student-email.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)
- [Email Setup for Androids](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.