

McLennan
opera



The Tinker of Tivoli

Written and arranged by Michael Jacobsen
Music by Gioacchino Rossini

April 2-4 7:30 p.m.
April 2-3

(Daytime performances for area schools)
Ball Performing Arts Center

Loosely based on The Grimm Brothers tale of *The Gallant Tailor* and adapted from the operatic works of Rossini, *The Tinker of Tivoli* is a delightful comic opera for young audiences that tells the story of Beppe, a tinker who swats flies with a single blow (and his rise and subsequent fall in village popularity), the love of stuttering young Ernesto and the beautiful Nanina, the feuding frenemies of Beppe and Luigi, and the delicious pies that brought them all together. The story ends happily with friendships mended, young love triumphant, and fresh pies for all.



**All-Steinway School
10th Anniversary Concert**
featuring
Anderson & Roe Piano Duo



**Oct. 11
7:30 p.m.**

Ball Performing Arts Center
\$20

Known for their adrenalized performances, original compositions, and notorious music videos, Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Joy Roe are revolutionizing the piano duo experience for the 21st century. Described as "the most dynamic duo of this generation" (San Francisco Classical Voice), "rock stars of the classical music world" (The Miami Herald), and "the very model of complete 21st-century musicians" (The Washington Post), the Anderson & Roe Piano Duo aims to make classical music a relevant and powerful force around the world. Their five critically-acclaimed albums have spent dozens of weeks at the top of the Billboard Classical Charts, while their Emmy-nominated, self-produced music videos have been viewed by millions on YouTube and at international film festivals.

Special dessert reception sponsored by
Ambassador Lyndon and Mrs. Kay Olson to follow the performance.

Photography by Doug Fitzjarrell



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Theatre tickets are \$8-10.
Senior, student, and alumni
discounts are available.

For reservations, season tickets
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The Servant of Two Masters



By Carlo Goldini

Adapted by Constance Congdon

Further adapted by Christopher Bayes and Steven Epp

Translated by Christina Sibul

Oct. 3-5

7:30 p.m.

Ball Performing Arts Center

Hilarity and hijinks are on the docket in this 18th-century, comedic romp served up by the masterful Carlo Goldini. The hapless servant Truffledino unwittingly finds himself gainfully employed twice over. To further his conundrum, his two 'masters' happen to be the beautiful Beatrice, disguised as her dead brother Federigo, and her estranged suitor, the dashing Florindo.

Overwhelmed by greed and an insatiable appetite, Truffledino strives to keep his two masters unaware of each other while reaping the rewards. Flanked on both sides by a cavalcade of commedia dell'arte stock characters, Truffledino has set the table for an evening of misadventures, slapstick, deception, and ludicrous laughter.

CHICAGO

By Fred Ebb, Bob Fosse, John Kander,
and Maurine Dallas Watkins

Feb. 27-29

7:30 p.m.

Ball Performing Arts Center

Special performance: **Thursday, Feb. 27**
MCC Foundation Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala
Call 299-8604 for more information.

The Roaring Twenties sizzle back to life as Bob Fosse's musical masterpiece sashays onto the stage. In the Windy City, chorus girl Roxie Hart finds herself behind bars after murdering a faithless lover. Forsaken by her husband and serving time on death row, all would appear lost. However, this is the Jazz Age, where a little razzle-dazzle can transform tragedy into triumph.

Seeking to capitalize on her newly acquired infamy, and subsequently avoid the hot seat, Roxie enlists the aid of slick, celebrity lawyer Billy Flynn, and her Big House cellmate, the conniving, ex-vaudeville star Velma Kelly. Together, Roxie and the gang, with assistance from Kander's and Ebb's timeless score, fabricate an electric dance of satire and burlesque as they grab for the headlines and shoot for stardom.

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By Lauren Gunderson
April 23-25

7:30 p.m.

April 26

2 p.m.

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building



It is the early 1900s. The field of astronomy is dominated by gifted, but provincial men; however, the rigidity of this exclusive atmosphere does not assuage the young and brilliant Henrietta Leavitt from reaching for the stars. Working at the Harvard Observatory, Henrietta is one of several women tasked with assessing and cataloging star charts for an esteemed astronomer.

Discontent performing calculations, like a simple computer, while "greater" men exact credit for her discoveries, Henrietta pushes back against social norms despite the ramifications this has on her familial and romantic relationships. In *Silent Sky*, Lauren Gunderson deftly crafts the vivid, true story of Henrietta's personal struggle to break through the glass ceiling while searching for truth and innovation in the heavens.

A Christmas Carol



By Charles Dickens
Adapted and devised by Joseph Taylor

Nov. 21-23

7:30 p.m.

Music & Theatre Arts building

Charles Dickens' enduring, holiday classic materializes on the McLennan Theatre stage in a spirited, new adaptation. Journey back to Victorian London where a wealthy, miserable miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, who bemoans Christmas festivities, has his world turned upside down one fateful Christmas Eve.

Challenged by the ghost of his dead business associate, Jacob Marley, Scrooge faces his past, present, and future failures while, with the help of three mysterious spirits, searching for the true meaning of Christmas. Join us for a festive, family evening featuring live music, enchanting dance, and the sublime prose of Dickens.

2019-2020 Hearts *in the arts*™

The McLennan Theatre, Music, and Opera programs bring world-class entertainment to our community, providing both a rich learning environment for talented students as well as thrilling performances for our audiences! MCC Arts graduates go on to study at Julliard, Tish School of the Arts in New York, major Texas universities, and beyond. Many others are performing and teaching on stages and in classrooms around the globe. Your support will ensure that the next generation of performers can achieve their dreams.

Please consider becoming a member of the MCC Foundation's Hearts in the Arts (HIA) affinity group that supports all the visual and performing arts at McLennan. As a 2019-2020 Hearts in the Arts member, you will enjoy a full selection of arts opportunities, tickets to all theatre and opera performances, and a return engagement by acclaimed piano duo **Anderson & Roe** on October 11! Depending on your level of sponsorship, your HIA membership may also include top billing as a presenting sponsor of the February 27, 2020 Hearts in the Arts Gala, featuring the show-stopping musical **Chicago!**

Hearts in the Arts is part of the MCC Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that depends on community support to enrich the academic and cultural life of Central Texas. Thank you for fulfilling that mission through your support of the arts at McLennan in 2019-2020. We'll see you at the show!

Cynthia & Ray Perry
2019-2020 Hearts in the Arts Chairs

Kim Patterson
MCC Foundation Executive Director

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- 1 Hearts in the Arts membership and summer dinner invitation
- 1 Season ticket for all Visual & Performing Arts events, 1 Anderson & Roe Piano Duo ticket, PLUS 1 Gala ticket

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- Recognition as **Hearts in the Arts GALA Choreographer Sponsor** on Feb. 27, 2020, with event signage and program recognition!

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- Recognition as **Hearts in the Arts GALA Executive Director Sponsor** on Feb. 27, 2020, with event signage, media, and program recognition!

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- 6 Season tickets for all Visual & Performing Arts events, 6 Anderson & Roe Piano Duo tickets, PLUS 3 Gala tables for 8 each
- Recognition as **Hearts in the Arts GALA Executive Producer Executive Producer Sponsor** on Feb. 27, 2020, with event signage, media, program, and Lake Shore Drive marquee recognition!

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