

McLennan  
*opera*

# THE OLD MAID & THE THIEF

By GianCarlo Menotti

**March 25-27**

**7:30 p.m.**

Ball Performing Arts Center

Commissioned by NBC, *Old Maid and the Thief*, a one-act opera, was one of the earliest operas composed specifically for performance on the radio. The middle-aged spinster Miss Todd, who spends most of her days simply knitting and gossiping with fellow spinster Miss Pinkerton, has her world turned upside down when a beggar knocks at her door one rainy afternoon. She and her maid, Laetitia, quickly become smitten with the handsome wanderer and are eager to shelter him. Even when they find out that he may be an escaped convict, they turn to stealing and robbery to keep him around. Having corrupted all of her morals, Miss Todd is then devastated to discover that not only does Bob not care for her, but he is in fact not the thief the town has been talking about. Bob, however, does turn to thievery when he and Laetitia run away together with all of Miss Todd's money when she threatens to pin her own crimes on him. A fast-paced and melodramatic opera buffa, *Old Maid and the Thief* shows exactly how "the devil couldn't do what a woman can: make a thief of an honest man!"

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Ball Performing Arts Center

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Theatre tickets are \$8-10.

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discounts are available.

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Adapted and devised by Joseph A. Taylor

**Oct. 15-17**

**7:30 p.m.**

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The captivating tale of star-crossed lovers leaps onto the stage in an original adaptation by McLennan Theatre. Follow the journey of Tristan, a young, spirited man seeking a bride for his uncle, King Mark of Cornwall. Tristan discovers the incomparable Princess Isolde of Ireland, who agrees to his uncle's proposal. Voyaging back to Cornwall, she and Tristan inadvertently ingest a mystic, love potion that binds their young souls for eternity. Add a dragon, sword fighting, and dancing, and you have a recipe for an impassioned evening of tragic love.



Book by Peter DePietro; Music by Galen Blum,  
Wayne Barker, and Vinnie Martucci; Lyrics by Tom Chodo  
Based on the Parker Brothers Board Game

**Feb. 25-27**

**7:30 p.m.**

Ball Performing Arts Center

Dust off your candlestick and monkey wrench! Hasbro's classic board game comes to life in a musical comedy extravaganza. Mr. Boddy has been murdered. All the usual suspects are in attendance: Professor Plum, Miss Scarlet, Colonel Mustard, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. White, and Mr. Green. Ever wished for an interactive rendition of this game? Then, this is the show for you! Join us as we transform the Ball Performing Arts Center into the ominous Boddy Manor where anybody could be the culprit.

Special performance: **Thursday, Feb. 25**  
**MCC Foundation Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala**  
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By William Shakespeare

**April 22-24**

**7:30 p.m.**

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**April 25**

**2 p.m.**

*Why then the world's mine oyster,  
Which I with sword will open.*

Shakespeare's robust rascalion, Sir John Falstaff, launches his wily chicanery back onto the boards. Falstaff, down on his luck, seeks to reinvigorate his financial woes by wooing two wealthy wives in 16th Century suburbia, Windsor. Not to be trifled with, these sagacious wives are too astute for Sir John's foolish games and turn the tables on our beloved trickster. A cavalcade of deceptions and wicked pranks ensues as Falstaff stumbles towards an inevitable embrace with comeuppance.



**Nov. 19-21**

**7:30 p.m.**

Music & Theatre Arts building

**Nov. 22**

**2 p.m.**

Prepare to be whisked away with "a swish and a flick" to a familiar school for Wizards alongside a brigade of wide-eyed magical youngsters. But hold your flying unicorns; this is not the enchanted tale of rambunctious, brave wizards that you may be expecting. Rather, our account follows the escapades of middling, misfit magicians, better known as the Puffs. Playwright Matt Cox conjures oddball heroes, hilarious hijinks, and perilous pitfalls into a cauldron bubbling over with fun for the whole family.