

**MUS 301A: Miller's Daughter**  
**OPERA STUDIO - Spring 2024**

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MEETING TIME & LOCATION(S):  
M, T, Th (6:00-7:30) in the Choir Room (130)  
Rehearsals may occur in professor's studios as needed  
Office Hours: **Sonka** - T, W, Th, F 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. & by appointment

Scores, schedules, and necessary materials can be found on Canvas

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

Opera Studio is designed to give students of all levels an introduction to the operatic art form. This semester, students will focus on aria preparation and singing the in ensemble for the premiere of *The Miller's Daughter*. Performance rooted in historical background and the academic study of stagecraft will create well-rounded musicians with skills need to prepare roles for music theatre.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

The student will...

- ...Demonstrate the ability to perform their assigned role(s) with attention to several musical factors, including style, articulation of appropriate foreign language diction, dynamics, intonation, rhythm, and phrasing.
- ...Acquire knowledge of the repertoire to be performed, including a historical and cultural context.
- ...Demonstrate the ability to successfully contribute to a cooperative learning environment.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

- 1) Students will complete a character analysis for each of their assigned roles. **Due February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm via Canvas.**
- 2) Aria Memorization Deadline - February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- 3) *Miller's Daughter* Memorization Date - April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Instructors will present schedules in advance for proper arranging. Please read carefully.**

- 1) Late February Performance of Arias - TBA off campus
- 2) **Miller's Daughter Production Schedule**
  - a. Thursday, April 18 @ 6:30-10:00 (Recital Hall)
  - b. Sunday, April 21 @ 3:00-6:00 (Recital Hall) - Just soloists
  - c. Monday, April 22 @ 6:00-0:00 (Recital Hall) - **Dress Rehearsal**

- d. Tuesday, April 23 – DARK (Masterworks rehearsal)
- e. Wednesday, April 24 – TBA as necessary
- f. Thursday, April 25 – 7:30pm Performance

### **ATTENDANCE**

- Absences for illness or another unavoidable emergency must be excused. Unexcused absences will lower your course grade by a letter. (A to A-, A- to B+, etc...)
- The majority of this class takes place during listed course hours. Other required dates are enumerated later in the syllabus; attendance at these is mandatory.

### **BREAKDOWN OF GRADES**

Attendance: 400

Rehearsal preparedness: 300

Performance: 200

Written assignments: 100

**Total: 1000**

### GRADING SCALE

940-1000 A / 900-939 A- / 880-899 B+ / 840-879 B / 800-839 B- / 780-799 C+ / 740-779 C / 700- 739 C- / 680-699 D+ / 640-679 D / 600-639 D- / 0-599 F

### **RESOURCES**

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#### **Contact Information for Academic Issues**

If you are experiencing, or have experienced, a problem with any of the above statements, email [academicissues@iastate.edu](mailto:academicissues@iastate.edu).

#### **Mental Health and Well-Being Resources**

Iowa State University is committed to proactively facilitating all students' well-being. Resources are available on the ISU Student Health and Wellness website (<https://www.cyclonehealth.iastate.edu>).

#### **Free Expression**

Iowa State University supports and upholds the First Amendment protection of freedom of speech and the principle of academic freedom in order to foster a learning environment where open inquiry and the vigorous debate of a diversity of ideas are encouraged. Students will not be penalized for the content or viewpoints of their speech as long as student expression in a class context is germane to the subject matter of the class and conveyed in an appropriate manner.

#### **Public Health**

If you are not feeling well, you should stay home and focus on your health. Should you miss class due to illness, it is your responsibility to work with your instructor to arrange for accommodations and to make up coursework, as consistent with the instructor's attendance policy.

You may choose to wear a face mask and/or receive the COVID-19 vaccine and boosters, as well as other vaccines such as influenza, but those options are not required. Thielen Student Health Center will continue

to provide COVID-19 vaccinations free-of-charge to students. The university will continue to offer free masks and COVID-19 test kits during the fall 2022 semester. Other wellbeing resources for students are available at: <https://www.cyclonehealth.iastate.edu/wellbeing-resources/>  
Public health information for the campus community continues to be available on Iowa State's public health website. All public health questions should be directed to [publichealthteam@iastate.edu](mailto:publichealthteam@iastate.edu).

### **Accessibility Statement**

Iowa State University is committed to advancing equity, access, and inclusion for students with disabilities. Promoting these values entails providing reasonable accommodations where barriers exist to students' full participation in higher education. Students in need of accommodations or who experience accessibility-related barriers to learning should work with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) to identify resources and support available to them. Staff at SAS collaborate with students and campus partners to coordinate accommodations and to further the academic excellence of students with disabilities. Information about SAS is available online at [www.sas.dso.iastate.edu](http://www.sas.dso.iastate.edu), by email at [accessibility@iastate.edu](mailto:accessibility@iastate.edu), or by phone at 515-294-7220.

### **Discrimination and Harassment**

Iowa State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, sex, marital status, disability, or status as a U.S. Veteran. Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies may be directed to Office of Equal Opportunity, 3410 Beardshear Hall, 515 Morrill Road, Ames, Iowa 50011, Tel. 515-294-7612, Hotline 515-294-1222, email [eooffice@iastate.edu](mailto:eooffice@iastate.edu).

### **Prep Week**

This class follows the Iowa State University Prep Week policy as noted in section 10.6.4 of the Faculty Handbook.

### **Religious Accommodation**

Iowa State University welcomes diversity of religious beliefs and practices, recognizing the contributions differing experiences and viewpoints can bring to the community. There may be times when an academic requirement conflicts with religious observances and practices. If that happens, students may request the reasonable accommodation for religious practices. In all cases, you must put your request in writing. The instructor will review the situation in an effort to provide a reasonable accommodation when possible to do so without fundamentally altering a course. For students, you should first discuss the conflict and your requested accommodation with your professor at the earliest possible time. You or your instructor may also seek assistance from the Dean of Students Office at 515-294-1020 or the Office of Equal Opportunity at 515-294-7612.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

The class will follow Iowa State University's policy on academic misconduct (5.1 in the Student Code of Conduct). Students are responsible for adhering to university policy and the expectations in the course syllabus and on coursework and exams, and for following directions given by faculty, instructors, and Testing Center regulations related to coursework, assessments, and exams. Anyone suspected of academic

misconduct will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct in the Dean of Students Office. Information about academic integrity and the value of completing academic work honestly can be found in the Iowa State University Academic Integrity Tutorial.