

## News Release

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### **SALINA SYMPHONY AND KWU PRESENT MOZART'S "THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO"**

The Salina Symphony and Kansas Wesleyan University once again join forces to present Mozart's lighthearted comic opera, *The Marriage of Figaro*. The production will take the stage at the Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts, 151 S. Santa Fe, Salina, November 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The story is set in Count Almaviva's castle in Seville in the late 18th Century. It is based on Beaumarchais's 1784 play and is a sequel to his earlier play, *The Barber of Seville*. In *The Barber*, Count Almaviva—with substantial help from Figaro—wooed and won the lovely Rosine away from her crusty old ward and would-be husband, Dr. Bartholo.

In *The Marriage of Figaro*, Beaumarchais continues their story. The Count has married Rosine, but their marriage has gone sour because of his philandering. Figaro is engaged to Suzanne, who is Countess Rosine's maid—and the Count's intended conquest. Old Bartholo is back to seek revenge on Figaro for taking Rosine away from him, with the help of the slimy music-master, Don Bazile. Adding to the fun are an amorous teenager, a scheming old maid, a drunken gardener and a silly young girl. Coupled with Mozart's masterpiece of a score, the result is a witty yet profound tale of love, betrayal and forgiveness.

The cast will feature Kansas Wesleyan University students and faculty as well as community members under the direction of Barbara Marshall. Symphony musicians will be found in the orchestra pit under the baton of Maestro Ken Hakoda.

This fully-staged opera production is funded in part by the Stiefel Theatre and the Horizons Grants Program of the Salina Arts and Humanities Commission. Funding for the Horizons Grants Program is provided by Horizons, a private donor group, and the City of Salina.

Tickets may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, 151 S. Santa Fe, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, by calling 785-827-1998 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Single admission is \$17 for adults and \$10 for students. Please visit [www.salinasymphony.org](http://www.salinasymphony.org) for more information.

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