

USC THORNTON OPERA PRESENTS

Curlew River
— by Benjamin Britten

Orfeo ed Euridice
by Christoph Gluck

NOV. 18-20 at 8:00 PM, NOV. 21 at 2:00 PM

The USC Thornton Opera Program and the USC Thornton Orchestra present an evening of two one-act operas.

Bing Theatre
USC University Park Campus

USC Thornton
School of Music

Curlew River

By Benjamin Britten

Libretto by William Plomer

Based on a Japanese Noh Play
by Juro Motomasa

Orfeo ed Euridice

By Christoph Gluck

Libretto by Ranieri de Calzabigi

Brent McMunn, Conductor

Ken Cazan, Stage Director and Set Designer

Edina Hiser, Costume Designer

David Jacques, Lighting Designer

Thursday, November 18 | 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 19 | 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 20 | 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 21 | 2:00 p.m.



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Curlew River

Madwoman

Nathaniel Owen

Ferryman

Liam Shannon

Traveller

Matthew Cook

Abbott

Lorenzo Zapata

Spirit of the Boy

Emma Rocheleau

Chorus:

Corey Estelle, Ajani Harris, Jordan Jones,
Adrian Melendrez, Aidan Moravec, Erick
Mosteller, Krishna Raman, Blake Stevenson,
Emmanuel Yoque

Orchestra

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Orfeo ed Euridice

Thursday, Saturday:

Orfeo	Stephen Pitters
Euridice	Sujin Park
Amore	Emma Rocheleau

Friday, Sunday:

Orfeo	Christine Marie Li
Euridice	Madeleine Lew
Amore	Haeun Baek

Chorus:

Julia Kempf, Megan Schulze, Sarabeth Belon,
Lydia Brown, Zineb Fikri, Christopher Bang,
Ajani Harris, Emmanuel Yoque, Jordan Jones,
Adrian Melendrez, Erick Mosteller, Blake
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Curlew River Orchestra

Viola

David Kang

Bass

Sarah Wager

Flute

Lindsay Bryden

Horn

Molly Fredericks

Harp

Katlin Miller

Percussion

David Riccobono



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Orfeo ed Euridice Orchestra

Violin 1

Belle Wang, Concertmaster

Charlie Lin

Elise Haukenes

Sofia Llacer Chamberlain

Laura Gamboa

Violin 2

Elizabeth Wei, Principal

Weilu Zhang

Asher Wufelman

Micah Yoo

Viola

Sunwoo Lee, Principal

Sophia Valenti

Gloria Choi

Cello

Ismael Guerrero Bombut, Principal

Quenton Blache



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Orfeo ed Euridice Orchestra (Cont.)

Bass

William Wasson, Principal

Andrew Hungness

Harp

Katlin Miller

Flute

Gaby Beltran

Sylvia Ettinger

Oboe/English Horn

Sonia Matheus

Liz Plescia

Clarinet (Chalumeaux)

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Orfeo ed Euridice Orchestra (Cont.)

Horn

Aiman Khan

Caleb Durant

Trumpet/Cornet

Lucca Cidale

Talitha Duckworth

Trombone

Alex Melzer

Paul Wu

Rocky Fox

Timpani

Sean Yan



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Opera Program Personnel

Conductor	Brent McMunn
Resident Stage Director	Ken Cazan
Opera Manager	Damien Elwood
Opera Coordinator	Geovanna Nichols-Julien
Principal Coaches	Mark Robson, Rakefet Hak
Opera Teaching Assistant	Susanna MacDonald
Rehearsal Pianists	Kathy Yang, Evangeliya Delizonas-Khukhua
Scheduling & Production Assistant	Claudia Giugni
Graphic Designer	Inès Gandal

Thornton Vocal Arts Faculty

Lisa Sylvester, Chair

Thomas Michael Allen, Ken Cazan, Parmer
Fuller, Rod Gilfrey, Lynn Holding, Elizabeth
Hynes, Brent McMunn, Karen Parks



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USC Thornton Staff

Orchestra Manager	Mike Basak
Orchestra Librarian	Brent Anderson
Director of Operations	Michelle Maestas-Simonsen
Assistant Director of Production	Heather Pio Roda
Production Coordinator	Tori Nagle
Scheduling Manager	Janelle Francisco



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Production Crew

Stage Manager	Savannah Harrow
Assistant Stage Managers	Erin Newsom, Harrison Newton
Technical Director	Christopher Hoffman
Lead Scenic Artist	Lacey Lee Anzelc
Assistant Scenic Artist	Marley Oyen
Lead Rigger	Sonya Lansdown
Set Carpenter	Ben Altman
Additional Set Crew	Provided by Bigger Hammer and I am the Phoenix
Assistant Costume Designer	Elle Patrick
Costume Dresser	Juliet Black
Makeup Designer	Cortney Heiser
Assistant Makeup Designer	Samantha Telford
Electrics Crew Chief	Andy Figueroa
Assistant Lighting Designer	Hana Sakioka
Master Electrician	Andrew Jenkins
Lighting Board Programmer/Op	Misty West
Theatrical Electricians	Blaine Currer, Jesse Figueroa, John Gohr, Michael Lovejoy, David Michel, Michael St. Pierre
Theatre Manager	Michael Latimer
Assistant Theatre Manager	Joe Shea
Audio and Video Recording Engineer	Adam Borecki, Recording.LA
Production Photographer	Martha Benedict
Curlew River Supertitles Creator	Inès Gandal
Orfeo ed Euridice Supertitles Creator	David Anglin
Supertitles Operators	Inès Gandal, Lily Smith

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