

Student-produced opera opens at Kimball Hall

"Cavalleria Rusticana," the opera opening the theater season of the School of Music, will be staged Wednesday through Saturday at the new Kimball Recital Hall.

almost exclusively student-produced, the opera will be sung in English. Pietro Mascagni's story of love, infidelity and violence takes place in a Sicilian village.

John Zei, producer and director of the opera, said that no major problems were encountered during production.

Zei praised the ideas of production designer and coordinator Dean Tschetter.

"The set for Cavalleria is unique," he said. "It's almost surrealistic."

"I think this is one of the finest companies I've worked with," Zei said. "We've expanded a great deal since we began this opera program at the University six years ago."

Zei said the opera has been triple cast, with a chorus of about 40 people.

"We're looking forward to putting on some grand shows in Kimball after this," Zei said. "We now will have a regular musical theatre season."

Future productions will include the puppet show-opera, "Hansel and Gretel"; "Gianni Schicchi," an operatic comedy; "Faust," to be presented this summer; and a regular Broadway show in the fall, Zei added.

Reservations for tickets can be obtained by calling the Kimball Hall box office, 472-3375, or they may be purchased at the box office through Friday.

Met head keynotes music week

Rudolf Bing, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera, will keynote the ninth annual Weekend with Music beginning Friday at 8 p.m.

"This may be the first appearance Mr. Bing has ever made on a college campus," said Emanuel Wishnow, director of the school of music. "He has been the head of the Met, which is probably the greatest opera company in the world, for twenty years."

Bing will be the featured speaker at a luncheon to be held in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room Saturday at 11:45 a.m.

The annual Weekend of Music begins Wednesday with the performance of Mascagni's 'Cavalleria Rusticana' at Kimball Recital Hall.

Saturday a Beethoven Bicentennial Program, commemorating the German composer's 200th birthday, will be narrated by Larry Lusk, a faculty member in the school of music.

The program will be a lecture-recital, added Lusk, and a side show will be used to illustrate the program.

Thomas Fritz will then play the first movement of Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata, Opus 57 on piano, and Arnold Schatz will play the first movement from Beethoven's last violin sonata and will be accompanied by Harvey Hinshaw on piano.

Persons wishing to attend Weekend with Music should contact the University Extension Division, as soon as

possible. Registration, which includes admission to all events, is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students.

Wildlife Club elects officers

A senior from Lincoln, Don Gabelhouse, Jr., has been elected president of the University Wildlife Club.

Other newly elected officers are Steven Waters of Lexington, vice-president, and Norman Kopecky of David City, secretary.

Gayle Angus from Spencer will serve as treasurer. Gerald Coates from Beaver Crossing will be the agricultural executive.

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