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Opera Workshop students Alice Cooper and Barry Hong in a scene from La Boheme.

Operatic techniques demonstrated next week

A demonstration of operatic techniques will be presented Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 8:15 p.m. in room 1055 of the Music Building.

The performers, under the direction of Marilyn Heinmiller, will enact portions of many famous operas.

Although opera is thought of mostly as musical art, it is actually a blend of acting, dancing and singing.

With the assistance of two actors from the American Conservatory Theatre of San Francisco and three Cal State dancers operatic pantomimes will be performed to illustrate the talents a good operatic performer must possess.

Mrs. Heinmiller says that an opera should be "realistic and moving." A voice teacher with Cal State's Music Department, Mrs. Heinmiller also says that the performers involved are quite enthusiastic about the program.

Also performing on the tenth will be several faculty members: Eleanor Cohen and Richard Wagner. Marsha Murray will accompany singers on the piano.

Operatic performances offered will vary from the light-hearted Der Rosenkavalier by Strauss to the moving La Boheme by Puccini.

Mrs. Heinmiller's Operatic Workshop has also given opportunity to individual creativity. Student Barry Hong will perform a portion of Pelleas and Melisande choreographed by himself.

Another interesting aspect of the operatic demonstrations is that it will not be performed on a regulation stage. Instead it will be performed in a room more resembling a "theatre in the round" with the audience sitting above the cast.

Appearing in the performance will be Cynthia David and Michael Routh of ACT; faculty singers Eleanor Cohen and Richard Wagner, Jo Anne Orella, Jan Harrison and Al Shehee of Cal State's Speech Drama Department and Cal State students Margaret Aghazarian, Alice Cooper, Bernadette Ficken, Barry Hong, Michele Lemeteyer and Antoni Serena.

Admission to the performance is free.