

ETSU Opera Theatre

The East Tennessee State University Opera Theatre is composed mostly of Music Majors in Performance and Education. It has been under the direction of Karen Smith, Director of Vocal Activities and Master Lecturer, for the past seventeen years. In that time they have produced fully staged operas, children's operas, original productions and concerts. Some of the notable works have been *The Bartered Bride*, *The Magic Flute*, *Gianni Schicchi*, *The Elixir of Love*, *City Workers in Love* and last year they produced two one act operas set in Appalachia, Carlisle Floyd's *Slow Dusk* and Kurt Weill's *Down in the Valley* as well as their own version of "The Three Tenors" concert. In an effort to educate children about the joy of opera they have produced children's operas like *Chicken Little* and *Stone Soup* and have performed for hundreds of children in the area at both the Jonesborough Storytelling Center and in local schools. This is the ETSU Opera Theatre's third performance with the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra and they are thrilled to collaborate again.