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Course Syllabus

School of Music, Theatre and Art

Opera Choir 2018 - Practical Study, 7.5 Credits

Course Code: MG094G **Subject Area:** Field of Music

Main Field of Study: Musical Interpretation Credits: 7.5

Subject Group (SCB): Music **Education Cycle:** First Cycle **Progression:** GXX

Established: 2017-08-30 **Last Approved:** 2017-09-26 **Valid from:** Spring semester 2018 **Approved by:** Head of School

Aims and Objectives

General aims for first cycle education

First-cycle courses and study programmes shall develop:

- the ability of students to make independent and critical assessments
- the ability of students to identify, formulate and solve problems autonomously, and
- the preparedness of students to deal with changes in working life.

In addition to knowledge and skills in their field of study, students shall develop the ability to:

- gather and interpret information at a scholarly level
- stay abreast of the development of knowledge, and
- communicate their knowledge to others, including those who lack specialist knowledge in the field.

(Higher Education Act, Chapter 1, Section 8)

Course Objectives

Knowledge and understanding

On completion of the course, the student shall have

- a developed knowledge and understanding of the choir and its various roles and special conditions in the operatic art in a historical and contemporary perspective
- an understanding of the relationship between text, the libretto, and the music

Competence and skills

On completion of the course, the student shall have

- a developed ability to interpret verbal and gestic information from the conductor and translate this in his/her singing
- a developed ability to work with and participate, in an opera choir setting, in score study and rehearsals of a particular work from the opera repertoire and to do so in a way that is artistically and technically convincing

Judgement and approach

On completion of the course, the student shall have

- an ability to describe and evaluate the artistic expression in his/her own work as well as in that of others
- an ability to reflect on his/her own artistic process
- an ability to identify his/her need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for his/her artistic and technical development in general and within musical drama and opera choir in particular

Main Content of the Course

- Opera choir
- Musical communication
- Artistic interpretation
- Score study and rehearsal techniques
- Vocal techniques and vocal care
- Musical works, interpretation and literature seminars

Teaching Methods

- Group instruction
- Seminars
- Lectures

Students who have been admitted to and registered on a course have the right to receive tuition and/or supervision for the duration of the time period specified for the particular course to which they were accepted (see, the university's admission regulations (in Swedish)). After that, the right to receive tuition and/or supervision expires.

Examination Methods

Examination, 7.5 Credits. (Code: 0001)

Assessment will be in the form of assignments during the course and active participation in the course seminars and in the rehearsals.

For further information, see the university's local examination regulations (in Swedish).

Grades

According to the Higher Education Ordinance, Chapter 6, Section 18, a grade is to be awarded on the completion of a course, unless otherwise prescribed by the university. The university may prescribe which grading system shall apply. The grade is to be determined by a teacher specifically appointed by the university (an examiner).

According to regulations on grading systems for first- and second-cycle education (vice-chancellor's decision 2010-10-19, reg. no. CF 12-540/2010), one of the following grades is to be used: fail, pass, or pass with distinction. The vice-chancellor or a person appointed by the vice-chancellor may decide on exceptions from this provision for a specific course, if there are special reasons.

Grades used on course are Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examination

Grades used are Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

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Specific entry requirements

Standard university admission requirements.

In addition, the applicant will be required to pass an entrance test.

For further information, see the university's admission regulations (in Swedish).

Transfer of Credits for Previous Studies

Students who have previously completed higher education or other activities are, in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance, entitled to have these credited towards the current programme, providing that the previous studies or activities meet certain criteria.

For further information, see the university's local credit transfer regulations (in Swedish).

Other Provisions

The language of instruction is English.

Reading List and Other Teaching Materials

Required Reading

Aktuell orkesterrepertoar. Bestäms innan kursstart.

Marek, Dan H (2007) Singing: the first art

Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, ISBN/ISSN: 0-8108-5711-1, 235 pages

Additional Reading

Opera: a history in documents, Piero Weiss (red)

New York: Oxford University Press, (2002), ISBN/ISSN: 0-19-511637-2, 338 pages

Operavärldar från Monteverdi till Gershwin: tjugo uppsatser, Torsten Pettersson (red)

Stockholm: Atlantis, (2006), ISBN/ISSN: 91-7353-116-2, 370 pages

Hambraeus, Bengt (1997)

Aspects of twentieth century performance practice: memories and reflections

Stockholm: Kungliga Musikaliska Akademin

Harnoncourt, Nikolaus (1989)

The musical dialogue : thoughts on Monteverdi, Bach and Mozart (translated by Mary O'Neill)

Portland, Or.: Amadeus Press, cop., ISBN/ISSN: 1-57467-023-9

Järvefelt, Göran (1990)

Operaregi : ett sökande efter människan

Stockholm: Bonnier, ISBN/ISSN: 91-34-51114-8, 212 pages

Kivy, Peter (1988)

Osmin's rage : philosophical reflections on opera, drama, and text

Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, cop., ISBN/ISSN: 0-691-07324-4, 303 pages

Rumjancev, Pavel (1993)

Stanislavskij repeterar Rigoletto (översättning Vera & Julius Rolander)

Göteborg: Ejeby,, ISBN/ISSN: 91-88316-05-X, 220 pages

Snowman, Daniel (2009)

The gilded stage : a social history of opera

London: Atlantic, ISBN/ISSN: 978-1-84354-466-1, 482 pages

Stålhammar, Börje (2009)

Musiken tar gestalt : professionella tonkonstnärers musikskapande Stockholm : Gidlunds, ISBN/ISSN: 978-91-7844-791-6, 221 pages

Additions and Comments on the Reading List

Additional required readings may be selected once the teachers and repertoire have been confirmed.