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A one-act opera by

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Showboat Theatre
8:00 p.m.

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Maurya Shirley Harned

Nora Anna Kolasinski

Cathleen Karla Hays

Bartley James E. Simmerman

A Woman Cathy Allison

Villagers Lynne Anderson

Mary Carlson

Peter Carlson

Larry Howard

Linda Howard

Chorus Jane Rathbun

Lois Rathbun

Joan Robinson

Joanne Whipple

* In partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree
of Master of Arts in Opera Production

TECHNICAL STAFF

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SYNOPSIS

The opera takes place inside the hut of an Irish family on the Aran Islands. As the story opens, the two sisters are about to open a bundle of clothing from a drowned man to discover if it is their missing brother, Michael. Maurya enters before they can open the bundle, and she hopes that her remaining son, Bartley, won't leave as she has misgivings about his departure for the mainland. His four brothers, father and grandfather have been drowned and she fears his loss. Bartley enters and departs without Maurya's blessing. The two girls persuade her to follow him so that he won't have gone without kind words. When she has gone the sisters open the bundle and realize that Michael has been drowned. Maurya returns overcome by a vision she has just seen of Michael. She recalls the events surrounding the other deaths and a procession of neighbors arrives, bringing with them Bartley's body. Her worst fears confirmed, Maurya feels at peace now that the sea can do her no more harm.