

Aug 5

SUMMER QUARTER  
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

presents

"Julius Caesar"

Opera by

Georg Friedrich Handel

(Concert arrangement by Ernst E. Gebert)

Cast of Characters:

Romans

Julius Caesar . . . . . Paul Elmer  
Cornelia, Wife of Pompey . . . . . Florence Beeler  
Sextus Pompeius, her Son . . . . . Edward Palmason

Egyptians

Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt . . . . . Sophie Coyne  
Achillas, Egyptian General. . . . . Ralph Miller

The University Chorus

Orchestra

John Sundsten, Pianist

Directed by

Ernst E. Gebert

PROGRAM

PART I

1. Overture
2. ARIA (Caesar)  
"Now I bid thee"
3. Recitative
4. ARIA (Caesar)  
"Heartless cruelty!"
5. Recitative
6. ARIA (Cornelia)  
"Without hope or consolation"
7. Recitative
8. ARIA (Sextus)  
"Come forth, ye Furies horrid!"
9. Recitative
10. ARIETTA (Caesar)  
"In all the morning beauty"
11. Recitative
12. ARIA (Cleopatra)  
"O be my star all beaming"
13. ARIOSO (Cornelia)  
"All my treasure"
14. INTERMEZZO (Festival Music)
15. Recitative
16. DUET (Cornelia, Sextus)  
"Ah me, to weeping born"

17. ARIA (Cleopatra)  
"The night is azure"
18. Recitative
19. Recitative and ARIA (Cleopatra)  
"What clamor, O heaven"

INTERMISSION

PART II

1. ARIETTA (Cornelia)  
"Cease your weeping, eyes of sadness"
2. Recitative
3. ARIA (Sextus)  
"I dare not rest"
4. Recitative
5. ARIA (Cleopatra)  
"I must weep and lament"
6. Recitative and ARIA (Caesar)  
"From the dangerous billows"
7. Recitative
8. ARIA (Cleopatra)  
"Safe, unharmed came my shallop"
9. MARCH and Recitative
10. DUET (Cleopatra, Caesar)  
"Dearest! - Oh, my love!"
11. FINALE (Loli, Chorus)

## SYNOPSIS

### PART I

The opera opens in Egypt after the battle of Pharsala 48 A.D. in which Pompey was defeated by Caesar. Pompey then sought assistance from Ptolemeaus who was contending with his sister Cleopatra for the throne of Egypt.

Ptolemeaus, seeking favor from the invader Caesar, has killed Pompey and sent his head to Caesar. Just at this moment Cornelia and Sextus, wife and son of Pompey, are in Caesar's camp begging for the cessation of war. Caesar is horrified and determines to punish Ptolemeaus. Sextus vows to kill his father's murderer.

Cleopatra masquerades as Lydia, one of her own serving maidens, and goes to Caesar hoping by her beauty to win his favor. Ptolemeaus invites Caesar to a fete during the course of which Cornelia and Sextus are captured. In the meantime Caesar accepts an invitation from the supposed Lydia and finds - Cleopatra

### PART II

Caesar is defeated by Ptolemeaus in a new battle and is thought to have been lost at sea, so all hope for Cornelia and Sextus seems to vanish. Cleopatra captured by her brother has also given up hope. But Caesar has saved himself from drowning, assembles new troops, and hastens to liberate Cleopatra.

Sextus, who, in the meantime, has escaped imprisonment, succeeds finally in killing Ptolemeaus and in liberating his mother. Caesar bestows the crown of Egypt upon Cleopatra and all ends happily with a jubilant finale.