



Carlisle Floyd

(b. 1926)

Susannah



Carlisle Floyd is one of America's foremost composers. Though he has also written in other forms, he is renowned for his operas, for which he also writes the libretti. The most famous and popular is his third opera, *Susannah*, premiered in 1955 and the second most performed of all American operas. Updated and set in Tennessee, it is loosely based on the Apocryphal tale of Susannah and the Elders. The work is rooted in vernacular folk melodies and hymns and contains soaring melodic beauty.

Susannah Susan Hellman Spatafora, Soprano
Olin Blitch Todd Donovan, Baritone
Little Bat Scott Michael, Tenor
Sam Anthony Wright Webb, Tenor
Elder McLean Brian Wehrle, Bass
Elder Ott Benjamin Bloomfield, Bass-baritone
Elder Hayes Stanley Wilson, Tenor
Elder Gleaton Fred Frabotta, Character Tenor
Mrs. McLean Melissa Misener, Mezzo-soprano
Mrs. Ott Robyn Rocklein, Mezzo-soprano
Mrs. Hayes Stefanie Izzo, Soprano
Mrs. Gleaton Aleksandra Ritums, Soprano

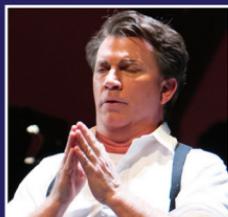
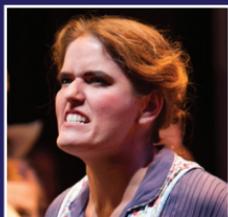
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Conductor: Mark Sforzini

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