

The American composer Leonardo Balada was born in Barcelona in 1933. His one-act opera, *Hangman, Hangman!* is freely adapted from an American cowboy folk-song. Johnny, its hero, is a dreamer who has been apprehended for stealing a horse, and is about to be hanged. *The Town of Greed*, in two parts, is a sequel to *Hangman, Hangman!* and presents the same principal characters but twenty years later. In both operas abrasive contemporary orchestral sonorities co-exist with highly melodic vocal lines. As in a cartoon, the characters and issues are presented in an irreverent manner, direct and with bullet-like sharpness and directness.

**Leonardo  
BALADA**  
(b. 1933)

<b>1 - 18</b>	<b>Hangman, Hangman!</b>	<b>44:11</b>
<b>19 - 32</b>	<b>The Town of Greed</b>	<b>32:49</b>

Narrator ..... Anthony McKay  
 Sheriff ..... Patrick Jacobs  
 Hangman ..... Stephen Neely  
 Johnny ..... James Longmire  
 Mother ..... Elizabeth Sederburg  
 Father ..... Robert Fire  
 Sweetheart ..... Natalya Kraevsky  
 Secretary ..... Ja-Nae Duane  
 Tokopoko ..... Craig Raymaley  
 Irish Man ..... Colman Pearce  
 Rich ..... Robert Frankenberry  
 Rot ..... Jim Means

Rat ..... Gary Koehler  
 Wreck ..... Paul Nicolaysen  
 Rip ..... Roy Matway  
 Rude ..... Kenn Kumpf  
 Capotte ..... Adrian Rollett  
 Ambassador ..... Craig Raymaley  
 Queen's Secretary ... Petra Dierkes-Thrun  
 King's Secretary ..... Rose Dorsey  
 Irish Man's Secretary ..... Linda Shaw  
 Wall Street Man .... Robert Frankenberry  
 Townspeople ..... Pittsburgh Camerata

**Carnegie Mellon Contemporary Ensemble • Colman Pearce**

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