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Robert Livingston
ALDRIDGE
(b. 1954)

Elmer Gantry (2007)
An Opera in Two Acts

Libretto by Herschel Garfein
based on the novel by Sinclair Lewis

Elmer Gantry **Keith Phares**
Sharon Falconer **Patricia Risley**
Frank Shallard **Vale Rideout**
Eddie Fislinger **Frank Kelley**
Lulu Baines **Heather Buck**

Florentine Opera Chorus
Chorus-master: Scott Stewart

Florentine Opera Company
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
William Boggs

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Set just before World War I, Sinclair Lewis's incendiary novel *Elmer Gantry* tells a story of old-time religion, illicit romance and revenge. Robert Aldridge and Herschel Garfein's operatic adaptation is a 'marvelous amalgam of toe-tapping accessibility' (*Opera News*) full of hymns, gospel songs, marches and dance, evoking the period in a score which echoes Gershwin and Copland. This all-American production combines a first-rate cast of singers and a world-class orchestra for 'an intoxicating experience' (*The New York Times*).

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