

American Opera since 1950  
Revised Syllabus

**Week 7: March 9, 11, 12**

John Adams: *The Death of Klinghoffer* (1996)

Reading: Kraft, "The Death of Klinghoffer," *Perspectives of New Music*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Winter, 1992), 300-302

Fink, "Klinghoffer in Brooklyn Heights," *Cambridge Opera Journal*, 2005, 17:2, 173-213.

Listening/Viewing: DVD 299

**Week 8: March 16, 18, 19**

SPRING BREAK—NO CLASS

**Week 9: March 23, 25, 26**

March 23 & 25: William Bolcom: *A View from the Bridge* (2001)

Reading: Herwitz, "Notes from the Stage: William Bolcom," *Opera Quarterly*, Vol. 22, No. 3-4, 521-533.

Listening/Viewing: CD 3255

March 26: In-class conversation with Kiya Heartwood, composer of the opera *Lying to the Sea Gypsy*.

Listening: "Safe Harbor," <http://www.lyingtotheseagypsy.com/>

**Week 10: March 30, April 1, 2**

NO CLASS

**Week 11: April 6, 8, 9**

Green Day: *American Idiot* (2007/2009)

Reading: [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/18/theater/18greenday.html?\\_r=1&hpw](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/18/theater/18greenday.html?_r=1&hpw)

Listening/Viewing: "American Idiot: The Musical Trailer":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egGARTwaFEo>

"Green Day's *American Idiot* Musical: Michael Mayer's Introduction":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwhvAPSOOrHO>

"'Whatshername' from *American Idiot* The Musical":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IC44dUEwdiw&feature=related>

**Week 12: April 13, 15, 16**

**Final written paper due 4/13/10**

April 13: Garfein: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* (2009)

Reading: Excerpts from Stoppard, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* (New York: Grove Press, 1967), 41-44.

Listening/Viewing: R&G stage play, Questions: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-Sx4W2cKIU>

R&G opera, "Questions":

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxEzopBC2oA&feature=player\\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxEzopBC2oA&feature=player_embedded#)

April 15 & 16: Operas on the Edge:

*Wrath of Khan-the Opera*: <http://trekmovie.com/2009/01/25/watch-wrath-of-khan-the-opera-via-robot-chicken/>

*Repo-the Genetic Opera*: trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzgpU25C6fg>

"Zydrate Anatomy": [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tevg\\_jT5Sco&feature=fvw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tevg_jT5Sco&feature=fvw)

"Infected": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ik9JjRqXc-8&feature=channel>

"Chromaggia": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxhPX0q0kpg&feature=related>

“Night Surgeon”: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61r9\\_f5g\\_zA&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61r9_f5g_zA&feature=related)

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### **Week 13: April 20, 22, 23**

Presentations:

Sara Noble: Tuesday, April 20, 2:10 p.m.

Jen Leigh & Erin Winkler: Tuesday, April 20, 2:25 p.m.

Claire Binek: Tuesday, April 20, 2:40 p.m.

Marian Sunnergren: Tuesday, April 20, 2:55 p.m.

Barbara Paterson: Thursday, April 22, 2:10 p.m.

Lexi Batsios: Thursday, April 22, 2:25 p.m.

Alyssa Callaghan: Thursday, April 22, 2:40 p.m.

Liz Johnston: Thursday, April 22, 2:55 p.m.

Shelley Roberts: Friday, April 23, 2:10 p.m.

Toni Dodich: Friday, April 23, 2:25 p.m.

### **Week 14: April 27, 29, 30**

Presentations:

Rachel Barker: Tuesday, April 27, 2:10 p.m.

Jennifer Lawler: Tuesday, April 27, 2:25 p.m.

Crystal Roskelley: Tuesday, April 27, 2:40 p.m.

Shane Magargal: Tuesday, April 27, 2:55 p.m.

Matt Hill & Aaron Carlyle: Thursday, April 29, 2:10 p.m.

Olivia Savage: Thursday, April 29, 2:25 p.m.

Cristina Gonzalez: Thursday, April 29, 2:25 p.m.

Danielle Wright: Thursday, April 29, 2:40 p.m.

Friday, April 30, 2:10 p.m.: Viewing: “Once More With Feeling” (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*)—optional.