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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

music by
Jacques Offenbach

arranged by Don White

libretto by Don White and Lorraine Thomas

Musical accompaniment by
Mária Horváth*, Piano

Musical and stage direction by Bonnie Pomfret

Special thanks to the ISU Theatre Department for technical assistance.
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The action of the opera bouffe takes place, without any regard for credibility, in Spain and America in 1492.

Act I. A Square in Cordova

Act II. The Royal Palace

Intermission

Act III. Aboard the Santa Maria

Act IV. A deep forest, somewhere in downtown Manhattan

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Kemp Recital Hall
Sunday Evening
November 8

Monday Evening
November 9
8:00 p.m.

Forty-second program of the 1992-93 season.
cast (in order of appearance)

*Esperanza* Amanda Eubanks+
*Manuela* Carolyn Brady
*Valencia* Marcelle Selvaggio+
*Waiter* Eric Wallace
*Tourist* Mark Gilgallon*
*Christopher Columbus* Jason Morgan+
*Beatriz, his fiancee* Susan Lewis+
*Gretel Columbus, his wife* Dorothy Hemmo*
*Fleurette Columbus, his wife* Cindy Coyer*
*Rosa Columbus, his wife* Holly Weinheimer+
*Luis, President of the World is Round Society* Mark Gilgallon*
*Chief of Police* Bret Peppo*
*Queen Isabella* Carolyn Brady
*King Ferdinand* Eric Wallace

*indicates Graduate Assistant
+indicates scholarship recipient
The explorer Christopher Columbus made four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean from Spain: in 1492, 1493, 1498 and 1502. His most famous was his first voyage, commanding the ships the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. Christopher Columbus was born in a middle-class family in Genoa which is now a part of Italy. His father, Domenico Colombo was a wool weaver and his mother was Susanna Fontanarossa. He had three brothers named Bartolomeo, Giovanni Pellegrino and Giacomo and a sister, Bianchinetta.

Christopher Columbus, commonly rendered in Spanish as Cristóbal Colón (1451 - May 20, 1506) was a Genoese-born navigator, explorer, and colonizer whose epochal voyage west across the Atlantic Ocean, in 1492, in search of a direct sea route to the Indies, established permanent European contact with the unknown lands and peoples of North and South America. Columbus' voyage, combining audacious confidence, supreme seamanship, and an...