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# At Ease With Opera

In the spring, the Lyric Opera will feature two starkly contrasting productions, John Adams' dramatic *Nixon in China* and Gioacchino Rossini's hilarious *Il Barbiere di Siviglia (The Barber of Seville)*. Find out more about these upcoming productions at the Lyric Opera Guild's free At Ease With Opera presentations. As always, dress is strictly casual and you are invited to bring your friends to learn more about the opera!

For *Nixon in China*, the Guild is presenting the following three programs:

🎵 **Monday, February 20**, 7:00 p.m. Kauffman Foundation, 4801 Rockill Road. **Mara Gibson**, local composer and director of the Academy at the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance,



*Nixon in China photos courtesy of Metropolitan Opera.*



will discuss the music of composer John Adams in a program titled: "John Adams' *Nixon in China: A Composer's Perspective*." She will be assisted by vocalist Stephanie Meyer.

🎵 **Wednesday, February 22**, 7:00 p.m. Kauffman Foundation. Megan Greene, the Director of the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Kansas and an Associate Professor of Modern Chinese History, will present a talk about China at the time of Nixon's visit. This talk will focus on the propaganda of the Cultural Revolution period, with a particular em-

phasis on revolutionary operas and ballets such as the ballet which is shown in the opera, and will include video excerpts.

🎵 **Monday, February 27**, 7:00 p.m. Kauffman Foundation. **Richard Byrum** will give a preview of *Nixon in China* entitled "*Nixon in China: A Study in Cultural Fault Lines*."

Preceding *The Barber of Seville*, the Guild offers you these two programs:

🎵 **Monday, April 2**, 7:00 p.m. Kauffman Foundation. **Don Dagenais** and **Bob Wise** will present another in their series of unusual excerpts from opera, in "Great Arias From Forgotten Operas: The Sequel."

🎵 **Monday, April 16**, 7:00 p.m. Kauffman Foundation. **Debra Karr** will preview *The Barber of Seville* in a presentation entitled "A Cut Above: Rossini's *Barber of Seville*."

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