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Scene, public square in a village in Sicily. Time, Easter.

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ENSEMBLE

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PROGRAM

Prologue from Pagliacci

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Leoncavello

Aria and Duet from Pagliacci......Leoncavello Corine Buck, soprano Paul Bjornskjold, baritone

Cavalleria Rusticana Mascagni

BRUCE KNOWLTON OPERA COMPANY, INC. E. BRUCE KNOWLTON, Conductor PAUL BJORNSKJOLD, Stage and Dramatic Director

CAST OF CHARACTERS

SANTUZZA, Soprano	GENEVIEVE HOWARD
LOLA, Soprano.	HAZEL BODDING
TURIDDU, Tenor	
ALFIO, Tenor-Baritone	N. G. THEBEAU
LUCIA, Mezzo	KATHLEEN WEAVER

ORCHESTRA

Concert Master	MURRAY SIMPSON
First Violin	F. M. GRIFFIN
Second Violin	N. THOMAS
Viola	K. GROSSMAN
Cello	BRUNO COLETTI
Bass	FRANK MARTIN
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Clarinet	EDWARD RICE
Bassoon	BERT BROWN
Trumpet	ASHLEY COOK
Horn	C. WALRATH



Paul Bjornskold

Dramatic Director

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THE WOODSMAN

E. BRUCE KNOWLTON

The next opera to be produced by this company is the new work, "The Woodsman," just completed by Mr. E. Bruce Knowlton. It is a western story of Stephen, who has lived in the Mt. Hood district for eighteen years with the daughter of the man he had murdered. She married a Portland man. Stephen is injured by a falling limb and on his death bed, tells the story of his early crime. The cast for the production is the best the city affords. Paul Bjornskold takes the part of Stephen and also serves as stage manager; J. McMillan Muir, Guy; Genevieve Howard, Mona; Virginia Hutchinson, Madame Devon, Guy's mother; Herman Hafner, Henry; Everett Craven, Everett, one of Guy's friends; and several smaller characters, including a non-singing character, Guy's father (past the age of mental brilliancy) to be done by Mr. S. E. James. The score is being arranged for full symphony orchestra and a chorus of fifty has begun rehearsals. The production will be ready in February of this season.

E. Bruce Knowlton

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