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Pronunciation note: Jan Rubes  
pronounced Yan Roobish

Jan Rubes named Laurier  
musical artist in residence

Jan Rubes, one of Canada's best-known opera and musical comedy singers, is the Artist in Residence at the music faculty of Wilfrid Laurier University this fall.

He is working with students each week teaching an opera class that includes instruction in stage movement, theatre technique and production. He is also available to all music students for consultation.

His work with students will culminate with a major production Dec. 4 and 5 which will feature a comparison between grand opera and musical theatre treatment of the Don Juan story.

Rubes confesses that though he is best-known for his work with the Canadian Opera Company and with national companies in Europe and the United States musical comedy remains a "secret love."

He performed all the leads of the past two decades, such as Emile de Becque in South Pacific, Baron von Trapp in Sound of Music and Don Quixote in Man from La Mancha.

In concerts with symphony orchestras, he has toured Canada and the United States. He has appeared in more than 1,000 performances with the Canadian Opera Company.

Dr. Gordon Greene, dean of music at Laurier, said it was particularly appropriate to have such a star on campus during the period when the university will launch a major fund-raising drive. Part of the money raised will go toward new facilities for the music faculty.