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Who: Pensacola Opera
What: *Postcard from Morocco*
When: Friday, April 29, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Where: University of West Florida – Studio Theatre
How much: \$15 adults / \$7 students

Pensacola Opera Presents *Postcard from Morocco*
by Dominick Argento

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Join Pensacola Opera for its 2011 Artists in Residence Showcase of *Postcard from Morocco* on Friday, April 29 at 7:00 PM at the University of West Florida Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students and can be purchased through Pensacola Opera in advance or at the door.

This one act opera by Dominick Argento takes a glimpse into the lives of seven different travelers as they wait for a train in an exotic locale. As they wait, they each begin to reveal what they do for a living but will not reveal the contents of their luggage despite the efforts of a manipulative puppet master. Surrealistic and existentialistic at its core, *Postcard from Morocco* is a moving and artful piece which asks us to think about our motivations in life. *Postcard* is recognized as a musical masterpiece exemplifying Argento's abilities as a composer; it is mostly tonal, incorporating cabaret, operetta, and even borrowing from ragtime and other types of popular music. It is based on *A Child's Garden of Verse* by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Postcard from Morocco will be performed in English and will chamber orchestra accompaniment. Emilia Allen will stage direct and Michael Sakir will conduct singers and members of the chamber orchestra. **Principal cast members include:** Zechariah Baker, Eric Bowden, Shelia Murphy, Gabriel Preisser, Jennifer Trombley, Ami Vice and Charles York.

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