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CHARLESTON, IL--"The Bartered Bride" will be presented by Eastern Illinois University's Opera Theatre Workshop on Friday and Saturday, Feb.8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The opera by Bedrich Smetana is a 19th century romantic comedy featuring Czech folk tunes. The story is one of romance between Jenik and Marie, who has been promised by her parents to Vasek, the village simpleton.

Marie is in despair when it appears that Jenik has sold his rights to her for money from the local marriage broker. With the assistance of a pretty circus girl and a dancing bear the plot is finally resolved.

The cast features graduate student Rex Rund, of Pesotum, as Jenik; junior Cathy Berns, of Ocone, as Marie; and sophomores Tom Studebaker, of Eureka, as Kecal and Derek Alexander, of Dolton, as Vasek.

James Litzelman will accompany on the piano and Jerry Daniels will conduct.

Admission is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens.