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**DOÑA ANA LYRIC OPERA and DOÑA ANA ARTS COUNCIL**  
**PRESENT**  
**AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS**  
**AT THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2014**

**November 17, 2014** – The Doña Ana Lyric Opera and the Doña Ana Arts Council celebrate the season with **Amahl and the Night Visitors** the one-act opera by Gian Carlo Menotti, directed by Jessica Medoff and Annie Pennies, about a young boy who learns that gifts come in all shapes and sizes. Originally aired on television in 1951, the opera became an instant classic and has remained a perennial Christmas favorite ever since. Get into the holiday spirit with this unforgettable theatrical experience for the entire family, December 13 & 14, 2014.

Amahl, a disabled boy who needs a crutch to walk, and his mother are very poor and may have to resort to begging to stay alive. One night they receive three very special guests, the Three Kings bearing gold and expensive gifts and following a star that will lead them to a wondrous child. The events of this night will prove miraculous for the young Amahl.

Creating a truly special experience, according to Doña Ana Lyric Opera Director John Carlo Pierce, members of NMSU Music Department faculty will join forces with local community talent to produce this show. Andrea Kiesling, who has appeared in many local productions, will sing the role of the Mother and Molly Schroeder, a student at Sierra Middle School, will portray Amahl.

“This production represents a collaborative effort on many levels,” explains Pierce. “For me, one of the most exciting and fulfilling aspects of this production is the chorus of shepherds. We have a truly multi-generational group, from high school students to retired persons. I’m thrilled to be sharing this experience with them.”

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main Street, in Las Cruces. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$5 for students. For more information call (575) 523-6403 or visit [www.RioGrandeTheatre.com](http://www.RioGrandeTheatre.com).

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