

# The Texas-sized 'monster' bird man creates huge flap in Winston-Salem

*Piedmont Opera assures public that he is harmless*

Last night Frank Dickerson, of Winston-Salem, thought he was after a prowler in the back of his Buena Vista house. But what greeted him on the garage rooftop still gives him goose bumps now.

"It was big and it had feathers and it was kind of clumsy..." stated Dickerson, who reported the incident to the Forsyth Humane Society, The Wildlife Rehabilitation League, 911, PETA and Friends with Ornithophobia (Chapter 220). "I kept hearing bells ringing when he was hopping around, singing loudly behind the house. I sure wasn't expecting that!"

A Piedmont Opera spokesman heard the reports on the news and quickly called in to verify that the "Birdman" was none other than Papageno, a harmless bird catcher in the company's upcoming production of The Magic Flute.

James Allbritten, General Director of Piedmont Opera, stated that Papageno,

is a bird-catcher and causes no harm to the general public or even to birds. "He's really kind of lonely. He's always complaining that he has no wife or girlfriend, and, yes, sometimes he breaks into song about it."

Allbritten warns that Papageno is prone to telling lies, so anything he says should be taken with a grain of salt. Police reports show that Papageno was involved in a slander suit when he claimed he slayed a dragon to protect his friend, a prince named Tamino. The three women who actually killed the beast threatened to sue him. The case was settled when the women padlocked his mouth shut.

Papageno will have a chance to sing in front of an audience when he premieres on stage at the Stevens Center of the UNCSA on March 13th at 8:00 PM in Piedmont Opera's The Magic Flute. Tickets are available at 336.725.7101 or BelieveInMagic.org.

# Fire Breathing Dragon Reported at the Stevens Center!

*Mayor Joines Declares a State of Emergency!*

Local businesses were evacuated yesterday when a large, fire breathing dragon was seen circling the Fourth Street area during the lunch hour. 911 and the local police department reported that their phone lines were jammed with calls from concerned citizens who claimed a large, 40-foot dragon was indeed flying low through downtown Winston-Salem, near Jeffrey Adams on Fourth.

"We are advising the public to stay inside and spray Axe men's deodorant around the parameter of the house," said John Paranoid, president of the secret society of Axe a Dragon. His organization of about 12 members has been planning for a dragon attack for decades. "All those dragon attack preparedness classes are finally gonna pay off!" said Paranoid. His wife has gone into hiding.

Paranoid cautions that dragons are very smart and know how to open doors. "The only way to keep a dragon out of your house is to spray a lot of Axe's deodorant in your yard," stated Paranoid. "Most

dragons really hate it." Lowes Foods reported that they are sold out of Axe at all of their area locations, but multiple shipments will be in this afternoon.

Paranoid also warns citizens not to feed or interact with dragons. "Some dragons are kind of cute, but don't let that fool you. They will become dependent on humans and then they will want cell phones. Once they start communicating with cell phones, they will mobilize and we can forget about keeping them contained."

If you see a dragon, please contact the Piedmont Opera hotline at 336.725.7101 or visit Piedmont Opera's Facebook page and post a photo. If you are disappointed that you didn't see a dragon, you can see one on stage at Piedmont Opera's production of The Magic Flute, March 13th, 15th and 17th.



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# Child Prodigy Dies After Mysterious Illness

## MOZART, Wolfgang Amadeus

MOZART, VIENNA, AUSTRIA. Joannes Chrysostomus Wolfgang Gottlieb "Amaeus" Mozart Jan. 27, 1756 - Dec. 5, 1791 Master Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart of Vienna, passed away suddenly after a brief illness, December 5th, 1791. Mozart was born January 27, 1756 in Salzburg, Austria. He was a child prodigy; at the age of five he composed a minuet, and played both the harpsichord and the violin. He performed for the Viennese Royal court when he was six years old. From the age of 7 to 10, Wolfgang and his older sister toured Europe, playing for kings, emperors, and other royalty. Mozart wrote his first symphony at nine years. During his short but very productive life, Mozart wrote over 600 pieces, including symphonies, sonatas, concertos, operas, dance music, and masses. Some of his most famous pieces are Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A



Little Night Music, 1787) and the operas Le Nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro, 1786), Don Giovanni (1787) and Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute, 1791). Mozart was preceded in death by his parents Leopold and Anna Maria. Mozart is survived by his loving wife, Constanze and sons Karl Thomas and Franz Xaver Wolfgang. He was a passionate Free Mason. In accordance with contemporary Viennese custom, Mozart will be buried in a common grave, at the St. Marx cemetery outside the city. No mourners please, the family thinks that's tacky.

# PUBLIC SERVICE WARNING FOR GREATER TRIAD AREA



**WARNING IN AFFECT**

Friday, March 13th until Tuesday, March 17th

# CAUTION: High Mythical Character Activity Spotted In This Aria Area!

- **DO NOT FEED THE DRAGON!**  
It makes him tame and he will want a cellphone.
- **If you suspect your mother is an evil queen who wants you to kill your father DO NOT attempt to apprehend her alone. She may be armed with magical powers and thus considered dangerous. Wait for a prince to arrive.**
- **No calls about the man dressed as a large bird. He is harmless.**

To report a sighting or if you didn't see any mythical characters and you are disappointed, visit [believeinmagic.org](http://believeinmagic.org) or call the Piedmont Opera hot line at 336.725.7101 for tickets to Mozart's *The Magic Flute* (March 13, 15 & 17) [BelieveInMagic.org](http://BelieveInMagic.org)



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