

## Opera in the house

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Tulane students Amanda Wittels, Sam Flora, and Claire Demorest, left to right, rehearse a scene from Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Old Maid and the Thief." The fully staged opera-comedy is a collaborative effort of students and faculty from the Newcomb Department of Music and the Newcomb Department of Theatre and Dance. "The Old Maid and the Thief" was originally conceived as a radio-opera, broadcasted as a world premier by the National Broadcasting Company in 1939. It was first staged by the Opera Company of Philadelphia in 1941 and was last seen at Tulane in 1962. [Performances](#) are on March 8 and 10 in the Dixon Annex Recital Hall on the uptown campus.