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VCU DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC presents  
**CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS,  
or ZITA'S BIG ADVENTURE**

Daniel Myssyk, conductor

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 3 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall

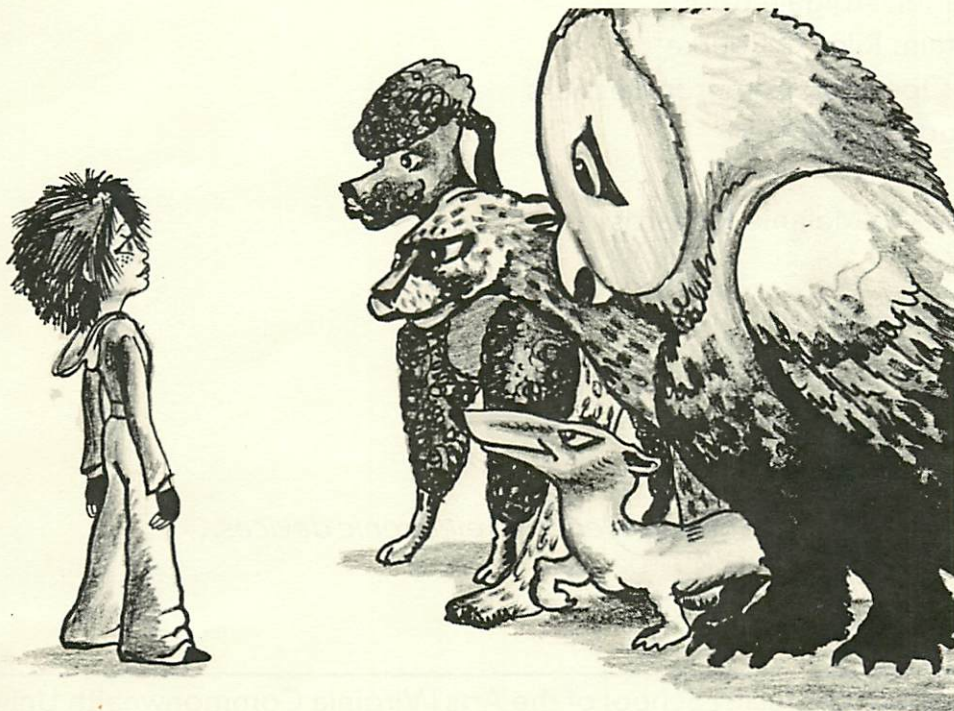
W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Music by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Incidental Music by Robert M. Lepage

Original Script and Drawings by Guy Beausoleil

*A 12 year old girl, Zita, unwittingly sets out on a fantastical odyssey in search of the basic element of life which has gone missing. She finds out that nature itself has started to imitate mankind's predatory and aberrant behavior like a child imitating its parent's quirks and idiosyncrasies. She discovers that Nature is not the unthinking stuff she had been though to believe it was. Recognizing Nature's intrinsic wisdom, Zita becomes aware of her responsibility her power to make a difference in this world.*



**VCU Theatre**

David Emerson Toney\*, narrator

**VCU Dance**

Choreographer: Kara Robertson

Dancers:

Emily Allred

Nicole Anderson

Candice Christopher

Vincent Morlino

Riley O' Rourke

**VCU Music**

Daniel Myssyk\*, Conductor

Drs. Yin Zhen\* and Sonia Vlahcevic\*, piano

Kayla Hanvey, flute

Michael Saunders, clarinet

Marissa Resmini and Kayla Tilghman, violin

Caleb Paxton, viola

Stephanie Barrett, cello

Andrew Brunson, bass

Gilson Fearnow, percussion

Stage Manager: Abigale Bobb

Dance Captain: Riley O'Rourke

Slide Show Operator: Cameron Bessicks

Lighting: Curt Blankenship

Special thanks to Melanie Richards

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