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experience without having to leave the state."

Gesteland's husband, Thor, who works for the University of South Dakota Foundation, has another leading role, that of Monastatos. Two smaller roles are held by current USD students ¬– Natalie Campbell as First Spirit and Cody Perk as Third Slave.

Kristin Edwards and Laura Kuschel, spring 2012 voice graduates of USD, and current students Jordyn Bangasser, Laura Bertschinger, Ashley Hogarth, Jared Mogen and Amanda Rich are all in the 30member chorus.

"I'm super-excited to be working with so many talented musicians," said Hogarth. "This is a great opportunity for me as a college student to get some real-world experience and a great way for students from different universities in South Dakota to come together in a performance."

Bangasser concurred. "The thought of sharing the stage with an international star like Samuel Ramey as well as with some of my very own USD professors completely thrills me," she said.

While the opera will be sung in German with English supertitles, the spoken dialogue will be in English.

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members of the city council for their work Aug. 15-16 revising the budget.

"The council probably spent six, seven ĥours in budget meeting in the middle of August going through each one of the departments to establish the budget ordinance," he said.

Appropriations Ordinance No. 1286 passed unanimously.



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