

I HEAR AMERICA SINGING: ADVENTURES IN AMERICAN OEPR
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Examples are from YouTube unless otherwise noted

William Grant Still: <i>A Bayou Legend</i> (1941)	Aurora's Aria	Carmen Balthrop, soprano
Virgil Thomson: <i>Four Saints in Three Acts</i> (1934)	Overture	Mark Morris Dance Group, 2006
Virgil Thomson: <i>Four Saints in Three Acts</i> (1934)	Overture	Opera Parallèle (San Francisco) 2011
Virgil Thomson: <i>Four Saints in Three Acts</i> (1934)	Act One, Scene 1	Opera Parallèle (San Francisco) 2011
Virgil Thomson: <i>Four Saints in Three Acts</i> (1934)	Act Three	Boston Modern Orchestra Project, 2016, Gil Rose, conductor
Virgil Thomson: <i>The Mother of Us All</i> (1947) Libretto by Gertrude Stein	Final Scene	Susan B. Anthony played by Brittany Jones; Conductor: Stephen Dubberly University of North Texas Opera Theatre; 2016
Marc Blitzstein: <i>The Cradle Will Rock</i> (1937)	Title Song	Sung by Jerry Orbach
Marc Blitzstein: <i>Regina</i> (1949)	Regina's Aria: "The Best Thing of All"	Sung by Brenda Lewis
Marc Blitzstein: <i>Regina</i> (1949)	The "Rain Quartet"	Elisabeth Carron (Birdie); Helen Strine (Alexandra); Carol Brice (Addie); Joshua Hecht (Horace):
Marc Blitzstein: <i>Regina</i> (1949)	"Greedy Girl"	Soprano: Brenda Lewis; Baritone: George Irving New York City Opera Orchestra; Conductor: Samuel Krachmalnick
Marc Blitzstein: <i>Regina</i> (1949)	Final Scene	Erin Schwab as Alexandra; Nicole Lee Aiossa as Regina. Bronx Opera 2006
Gian Carlo Menotti <i>The Medium</i> (1946)	Séance Scene	Festival Ópera al Parque, Bogotá
Gian Carlo Menotti <i>The Medium</i> (1946)	Final Scene	Madame Flora: Claramae Turner (who created the role)

Gian Carlo Menotti: <i>The Telephone</i> (1947)	The “Telephone Aria”	Amalia Ishak, Soprano; Paul Biss, Conductor
Gian Carlo Menotti: <i>The Consul</i> (1950)	Act One Trio	Richard Hickox – Conductor, Spoleto Festival (Italy) 1998; Director - Gian Carlo Menotti Magda Sorel - Susan Bullock; John Sorel - Louis Otey; Mother - Jacalyn Kreitzer
Gian Carlo Menotti: <i>The Consul</i> (1950)	The “Papers Aria”	Patricia Neway as Magda, telecast from 1960