APOLLO AND DAPHNE
by G. F. Handel. Libretto anonymous
Workshop performance directed by Jonathan Bepler with Molly Magai.


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The myth of Apollo and Daphne:
Apollo, god of war, on one of his many amorous adventures comes across Daphne, a nymph faithful to Diana, the chaste goddess of the hunt who is Apollo's sister. Apollo sets to wooing her, trying everything but being constantly rebuffed. In a final effort, he sets upon her and in the struggle she disappears, turning into a laurel bush through divine intervention. He is left proclaiming his devotion to her and announces that from then on heroes will be crowned with laurel.
The present interpretation departs somewhat from this while keeping to the libretto.