

The three operas are currently gracing the stage:

A traveling Andoren troupe's performance of the Chelish history *Fall from Glory*;
a local diva's rendition of *Serpent's Song*;
and a comedic opera called *The Trouble with Swans*.

Chelish operas are known to often feature actual bloodshed in place of special effects.

The debut of *Fall from Glory* was unpopular, as the Andoren troupe is said to have replaced much of the bloodshed in this traditionally gory Chelish history with *illusions and sleight of hand*.

Fall from Glogy, a classical opera, has a duration of 5 hours. Any of the players with a decent knowledge of arcana or sleight of hand can easily see through the stage illusions used. It is indeed a bit disappointing.

The story is a crossover between the Ring of Nibelungen and Peer Gynt. The fourth act, where the main protagonist flees from the Thiefling King because he does not want to marry its daughter is quite memorable.

The only showings of *Serpent's Song* that aren't sold out for a month solid are its midnight performances and even they are said to be crowded.

If the players manage to get inside despite the shows being sold out, they are in for a rendition of Romeo and Juliet, lasting 4 hours.

In this Opera is a tragedy about a dragon who falls in love with a princess. It has heavy political undertones. Players with knowledge of local history or nobility can read these undertones: the opera questions Taldor and its ruling class.

The Trouble with Swans is a hugely popular show performed by a largely gnome troupe. It is a true Gnoopera: three hours short, its action packed, relying heavily on high quality illusions.

The story is lightly based on "As you like it" (a play where a man dresses up as a woman to be able to be close to his forbidden love. A different man falls in love with his female alter ego. Eventually everyone is crossdressing. Chaos ensues), and a midsummer night's dream (where people are transformed into birds).

It's a slightly confusing love story of waterfowl dyeing their feathers to appear the opposite sex.

The illusions used are high quality. Gnome players will be very excited to learn a Chromatic Thaumoflux is used.