

The production of "Madama Butterfly" was donated to the San Francisco Opera Association by the San Francisco Opera Guild in 1966.

# Madama Butterfly

(in Italian)

Opera in three acts by Giacomo Puccini

Libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa

Based on the work of John Luther Long and David Belasco

*Conductor*

Aldo Faldi

*Production*

Nathaniel Merrill

*Staged by*

Matthew Farruggio

*Designer*

Toni Businger

Davis L. West (resident designer)

*Costumers*

Goldstein & Co.

## CAST

*Lt. B.F. Pinkerton* Nicholas Di Virgilio

*Goro* Alan Crofoot

*Suzuki* Sylvia Anderson

*Sharpless* Ingvar Wixell

*Cio-Cio-San, Madama Butterfly* Jeannette Pilou

Dorothy Kirsten (11/9)

*The Imperial commissioner* Stephen Janzen

*The official registrar* Colin Harvey

*The Bonze* Clifford Grant

*Prince Yamadori* Howard Fried

*Cio-Cio-San's child* Laurelle Gutierrez

*Kate Pinkerton* Sheila Nadler

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Nagasaki, Japan, at the time of the Great White Fleet

Friday, October 4 1968, at 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 19 1968, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 27 1968, at 2:00 PM

Saturday, November 9 1968, at 2:00 PM

Friday, November 29 1968, at 8:00 PM

Act I -- Nagasaki, Japan

Act II -- Three years later

Act III -- The following morning

**Sponsors:**

**Notes:**

Major intermission after Act II