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La Traviata

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi Libretto by Francesco Maria Piave Based on Dumas's "La Dame aux Camélias"

Conductor

Fausto Cleva (10/5) Gaetano Merola (10/11)

Stage director

Armando Agnini

Chorus Director

Kurt Herbert Adler

Choreography by

Lew Christensen

CAST

Violetta Valéry, a lady of the demi-monde Lily Pons*

Eugene Conley (10/11)

Giorgio Germont, his father Giuseppe Valdengo
Gastone, Viscount of Letorieres Alessio De Paolis

Baron Douphol, a rival of Alfredo George Cehanovsky

Flora, friend of Violetta Yvonne Chauveau

Annina, maid of Violetta Eileen Baldwin

Dr. Grenvil Desire Ligeti

Marquis d'Obigny Yi-Kwei Sze

Major-domo Max Lorenzini

Solo dancer Joan Vickers

Aaron Girard

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: About 1840; Paris and Environs

Act I -- Drawing-room in the House of Violetta Act II -- A Villa near Paris

> Act III -- Garden of Flora's Palace Act IV -- Violetta's Bed Chamber

Friday, October 5 1951, at 8:00 PM Thursday, October 11 1951, at 8:00 PM San Francisco War Memorial 1951 *La Traviata* Page 2 of 2 Opera Assn. Opera House

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Notes:

Corps de Ballet

Miss Pons's costumes (for "La Traviata") by Karinska, designed by Eugene Berman

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