

# Werther

(in French)

Opera in three acts by Jules Massenet  
Libretto by Blau, Milliet and Hartmann  
Based on Goethe's novel

*Conductor*

Tullio Serafin

*Stage director*

Armando Agnini

*Setting designed by*

Armando Agnini

*Settings painted by*

Eugene B. Dunkel

## CAST

<i>Werther</i>	Cesare Valletti †
<i>Charlotte, daughter of the Bailiff</i>	Giulietta Simionato †
<i>Sophie</i>	Dorothy Warenskjold
<i>Albert</i>	John Lombardi
<i>The Bailiff</i>	Lorenzo Alvary
<i>Schmidt</i>	Cesare Curzi
<i>Johann</i>	George Cehanovsky
<i>Bruhlmann</i>	Winther Andersen
<i>Katchen</i>	Ruth Roehr
<i>Fritz (child)</i>	Donald Saxon
<i>Max (child)</i>	Robert Rosenblatt
<i>Hans (child)</i>	Stephen Hatch
<i>Karl (child)</i>	James Ursino
<i>Gretel (child)</i>	Harriet Meier
<i>Clara (child)</i>	Suzanne Tejerian

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: In the Vicinity of Frankfort, Germany, 1772

Saturday, September 19 1953, at 8:15 PM

Act I -- House of the Bailiff

Act II -- Street in the Village of Wetzlar

Act III, Scene 1 -- In the House of Albert

Scene 2 -- Werther's Study

**Sponsors:**

**Notes:**

The Company General Director Gaetano Merola died on August 20th, while conducting Butterfly's "Un bel di" in San Francisco's Stern Grove. The entire 1953 season was labeled "Gaetano Merola, 1879-1953 -- In Memoriam."

Boys selected from San Francisco Boys Chorus