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# Turandot

(in Italian)

Opera in three acts by Giacomo Puccini

Libretto by Adami and Simoni

Based on Gozzi's drama

Last duet and finale by Franco Alfano

*Conductor*

Fausto Cleva

*Stage director*

Carlo Piccinato

*Chorus Director*

Kurt Herbert Adler

*Designer*

Harry Horner

*Scenery painted by*

Eugene B. Dunkel

*Production supervised by*

Armando Agnini

## CAST

<i>Princess Turandot</i>	Inge Borkh
<i>The Emperor Altoum</i>	Alessio De Paolis
<i>Timur</i>	Italo Tajo
<i>Prince Calaf</i>	Roberto Turrini
<i>Liù</i>	Licia Albanese
	Dorothy Wareskjold (10/11)
<i>Ping</i>	John Lombardi
<i>Pang</i>	Virginio Assandri
<i>Pong</i>	Cesare Curzi
<i>A Mandarin</i>	Jan Gbur
<i>First Lady-in-waiting</i>	Yvonne Gotelli
<i>Second Lady-in-waiting</i>	Donna Petersen
<i>Voice of Prince of Persia</i>	Galliano Daneluz

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Legendary

Act I -- Walls of the Imperial City

Act II, Scene 1 -- A Pavilion in the Palace

Scene 2 -- A Square in Front of the Imperial Palace

Act III, Scene 1 -- The Palace Gardens near Turandot's Apartments

Scene 2 -- Same as Act II, Scene 2

Tuesday, October 6 1953, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 11 1953, at 2:00 PM

**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."

Corps de Ballet

Boys selected from the San Francisco Boys Chorus

Sponsorship program note:

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