1953

Il Barbiere di Siviglia (Sacramento)

Opera in three acts by Gioachino Rossini Libretto by Cesare Sterbini Based on comedy by Beaumarchais

Conductor Tullio Serafin

Chorus Director Kurt Herbert Adler Stage director Carlo Piccinato

CAST

Count Almaviva Cesare Valletti Figaro, the Barber of Seville Frank Guarrera

Doctor Bartolo, a physician Salvatore Baccaloni Rosina, his ward Giulietta Simionato

Don Basilio, a music master Nicola Rossi-Lemeni Berta, Rosina's governess Janice Moudry

Fiorello, a servant of the Count Alessio De Paolis Virginio Assandri Officer

Ambrogio, a servant of Dr. Bartolo Colin Harvey

> *Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Seventeenth Century; Seville

Saturday, October 10 1953, at 8:00 PM

Act I -- A Street in Seville, Early Morning Act II -- A Room in Doctor Bartolo's House Act III -- The Same

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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."

In the lesson scene on October 14th, Miss Simionato sings Rossini's original aria.

The curtain time is a guess; records preserved everything but those.