

This production is made possible, in part, by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brucia (in memory of Giuseppe Brucia),
Mr. and Mrs. J. Burgess Jamieson, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Johnson

Madama Butterfly

(in Italian)

Opera in two acts by Giacomo Puccini
Libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa
Based on works of John Luther Long and David Belasco

Additional support for "Madama Butterfly" is provided by Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture and Koret Foundation Funds.

Conductor

Donald Runnicles

Production

Ron Daniels

Designer

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CAST

Lt. B.F. Pinkerton Franco Farina

Goro Steven Cole

A cook Colby Roberts

A gardener Andrew Truett

Suzuki Zheng Cao

Sharpless Phillip Joll

Cio-Cio-San, Madama Butterfly Patricia Racette

Marie Plette (6/25)

The Imperial Commissioner Jere Torkelsen

The Official Registrar William Pickersgill

The Bonze Philip Skinner

Prince Yamadori Morgan Smith

"Trouble," Cio-Cio-San's child Leah Davis

Kate Pinkerton Melody Moore

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Early 20th century; Nagasaki

Saturday, May 27 2006, at 8:00 PM

Tuesday, May 30 2006, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, June 4 2006, at 2:00 PM

Thursday, June 8 2006, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, June 11 2006, at 2:00 PM

Friday, June 16 2006, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, June 18 2006, at 7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 21 2006, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, June 25 2006, at 2:00 PM

Act I -- A house and garden overlooking the Bay of Nagasaki

Act II -- The same, three years later

Sponsors:

The performance of June 8th is sponsored by American Airlines.

Notes:

The opening performance was the subject of a free simulcast to Civic Center Plaza

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(Kuroko is a Kabuki term for assistants in black clothes)

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