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Madama Butterfly

(in Italian)

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

Conductor

Donald Runnicles
Julian Smith (12/6, 8eve)

Production

Ron Daniels

Director

Kathleen Belcher

Designer

Michael Yeorgan

Costume Designer

Anita Yavich

Lighting Designer

Stephen Strawbridge

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Bryndon Hassman
Carol Isaac

Adelle Eslinger

Jonathan Khuner

Ernest Fredric Knell

Supertitles

Jerry Sherk

Francesca Zambello

Assistant Stage Director

Stephanie Smith

Stage Manager

Lisa Anderson

Wig and Makeup Designer

Gerd Mairandres

Costume supervisor

Kathleen Lussier-West

Production Super Captain

Nancy Huie

CAST

Lt. B.F. Pinkerton Brandon Jovanovich
James Valenti (12/6, 8eve)

Goro Matthew O'Neill

A cook Colby Roberts

A gardener Andrew Truett

Suzuki Zheng Cao

Sharpless Stephen Powell

Cio-Cio-San, Madama Butterfly Patricia Racette

Marie Plette (12/6, 8eve)

The Imperial Commissioner Jere Torkelsen

The Official Registrar William Pickersgill

The Bonze Raymond Aceto

Prince Yamadori Eugene Chan

"Trouble," Cio-Cio-San's child Dylan Hatch

Asher Richmond (12/6, 8eve)

Kate Pinkerton Katharine Tier

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Early 20th century, Nagasaki

Saturday, December 1 2007, at 12:00 PM

Wednesday, December 5 2007, at 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 6 2007, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 8 2007, at 1:00 PM

Saturday, December 8 2007, at 8:00 PM

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

INTERMISSION

Act II -- The same, three years later

Sponsors:

The performance of December 5th is sponsored by Y&R

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Notes:

Scenery, props, costumes and wigs constructed in the San Francisco Opera workshops

The opera was broadcast locally over KDFC on August 3, 2008; also nationally on the WFMT syndicated opera series.

SUPERNUMERARIES

Bob Ericson
Kevin Johnson
Sherman Lee
Jerry Locsin
Gilbert Martinez

"Kabuki" assistants:

Ali Celik
Milko Encinas
Katie Heibein
Nancy Huie
Steve Lavezzoli
Michael Strickland
Kimberly Thompson