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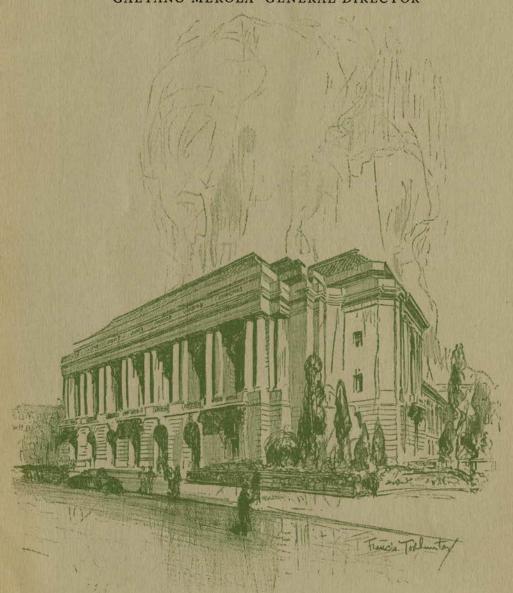
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Opera in four acts. Music by Giacomo Puccini. Text (in Italian) by Giacosa and Illica

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Mimi, an embroiderer LUCREZIA BORI Musetta, a grisette EMILY HARDY Rudolph, poet DINO BORGIOLI Marcel, painter RICHARD BONELLI Schaunard, musician Bohemians ALFREDO GANDOLFI Colline, philosopher Benoit, an importunate landlord LUDOVICO OLIVIERO Alcindoro, state councilor and admirer of Musetta LOUIS D'ANGELO Parpignol, toy peddler LUDOVICO OLIVIERO Custom-house Sergeant EVARISTO ALIBERTINI Custom-house Guard OTELLO BALDACCI A Boy JOSEPH ROMEO

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TIME AND PLACE: About 1830; in Paris

Act I Garret of the Bohemians

Act II Terrace of the Café Momus

Act III A City Gate of Paris

Act IV Same as Act I

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Act I: The artist Marcel works with burning heart and icy fingers. Rudolph bemoans the cold until, prompted to convert the fires of art into a warmer blaze, he burns his drama. Colline joins the fiasco, and, as the last pages blacken, Schaunard enters rich with provisions. Applauding his good fortune, they prepare to feast, but he insists they go abroad. A knock presents the landlord, whose demand for rent is genially drowned in wine which loosens his tongue until the artists, in mock indignation, eject him and themselves depart. Rudolph delays to work, but is interrupted by Mimi seeking a light for her candle. She faints and is tenderly revived and withdraws. When she returns for her lost key a draught extinguishes both candles, and in the seductive dark the poet and the flower-girl exchange histories. His friends call and Rudolph promises soon to join them. Through the open window the moonlight streams over Mimi, and Ruldoph, enchanted, voices his growing passion. She responds with shy coquetry, and at last, lost in a dream of ideal love, they venture forth together.

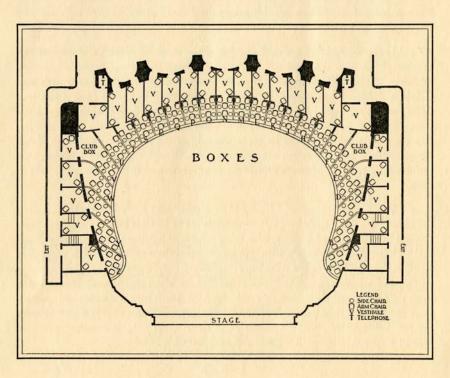
Act II: In the heart of the street revelries the friends establish themselves, casually accept Mimi, and merrily order dinner. Their gaiety is subdued by the appearance of Musetta, Marcel's faithless love, gorgeously attired and companioned by an old man, Alcindoro. None deign to notice her, and Musetta, piqued, sends her escort on a petty errand, and with brazen artistry recaptures Marcel's affections. As one amiable group they vanish, leaving their bills as a gift for the deserted Alcindoro.

Act III: Weeks later a timid and pathetically ill Mimi seeks Marcel at the tavern where, as a sign-painter, he pursues a laughing and precarious life with Musetta. To him Mimi confides that the tempestuous love she shares with Rudolph is defeated by its own intensity. Rather than have her love make him unhappy, Mimi would leave him, and begs Marcel's aid. Rudolph, who in his unrest has also sought Marcel, calls him. Concealing herself, Mimi hears him desire their separation because he fears the cold of his rooms has aggravated her illness. Mimi's cough betrays her presence, and, though they speak farewell, love reunites them, while Musetta and Marcel, quarreling over her flirtations, part in fury.

Act IV: Casual gossip of Mimi and Musetta, who have left them, awakens aching memories to their lovers, whose pretense to work is lost in yearning. Welcoming Schaunard and Colline, who bring a feast of herring and buns, they dispel melancholy with buffoonery. Musetta bursts upon their rollicking with word that Mimi seeks Rudolph to die near him. Anxiously they carry her in, and gallantly go to pawn what they can to buy aid. Radiantly Mimi recalls with Rudolph the happy first days of their love. Marcel and Musetta return with medicine, and a muff for the tiny cold hands. Sweetly Mimi sleeps. Schaunard it is who discovers her rest is breathless. He tells Marcel, and their secret sadness communicates his loss to Rudolph, who with a great cry embraces his dead love.

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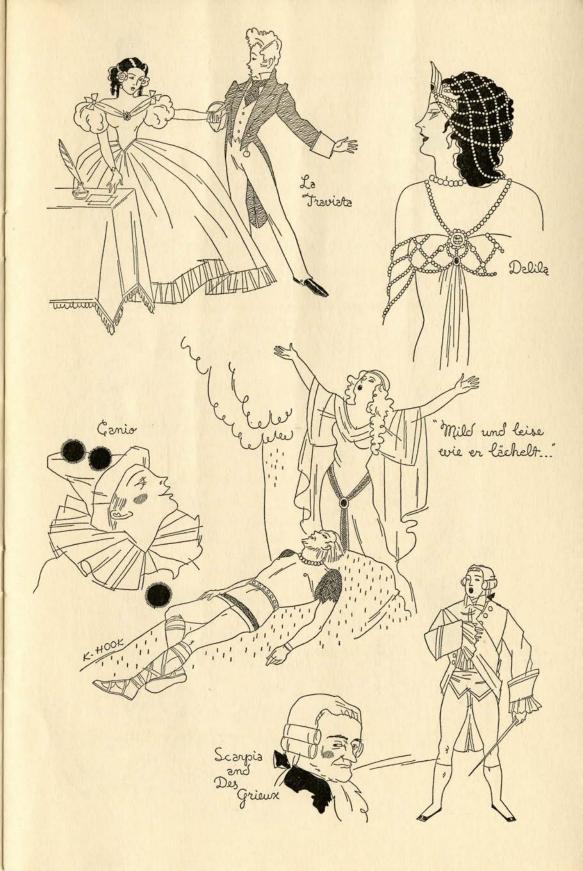
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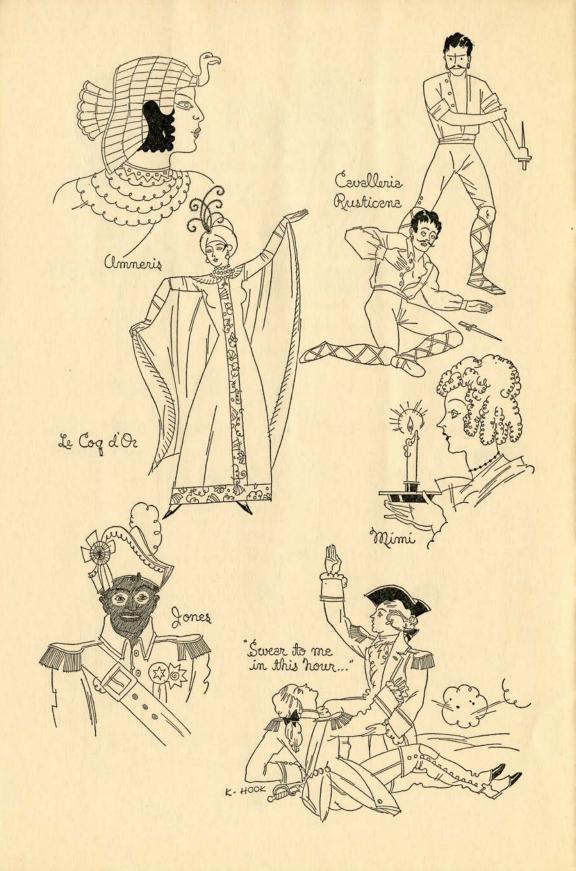
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