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Artists

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 With Adolph Bolm, Corps de Ballet, Cast of Singers and Entire Chorus

AÏDA (VERDI) *Wednesday Evening, November 8, at 8:00*
 With Muzio, Meisle, Martinelli, Bonelli, Pinza, D'Angelo, Oliviero

TRISTAN UND ISOLDE (WAGNER) *Friday Evening, November 10, at 7:45*
 With Kappel, Meisle, Althouse, Bonelli, Pinza

MANON (MASSENET) *Tuesday Evening, November 14, at 8:00*
 With Bori, Borgioli, Gandolfi, D'Angelo, Stewart

THE EMPEROR JONES (GRUENBERG) *Friday Evening, November 17, at 8:15*
 With Tibbett, Leonard, Marlowe

Preceded by THE SECRET OF SUZANNE (WOLF-FERRARI)
 With Morgana, Gandolfi

CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA (MASCAGNI) *Tuesday Evening, November 21,*
 With Muzio, Leonard, Borgioli, Gandolfi *at 8:15*

Followed by I PAGLIACCI (LEONCAVALLO)
 With Bori, Martinelli, Tibbett, Gandolfi, Oliviero

LA TRAVIATA (VERDI) *Friday Evening, November 24, at 8:15*
 With Muzio, Borgioli, Tibbett, Gandolfi, D'Angelo, Oliviero

LA BOHÈME (PUCCINI) *Tuesday Evening, November 28, at 8:15*
 With Bori, Hardy, Borgioli, Bonelli, Pinza, Gandolfi, D'Angelo, Oliviero

LA FORZA DEL DESTINO (VERDI) *Friday Evening, December 1, at 8:00*
 With Muzio, Leonard, Martinelli, Bonelli, Pinza, Gandolfi, D'Angelo, Oliviero



EXTRA PERFORMANCES (Casts same as above)

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LE COQ D'OR *Sunday Matinée, November 26, at 2:30*

THE EMPEROR JONES } *Thanksgiving Matinée, November 30, at 2:15*
 THE SECRET OF SUZANNE }

MANON *Saturday Evening, December 2, at 8:00*

Tuesday Night, November 21, at 8:00

CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

Opera in one act. Music by Pietro Mascagni. Libretto (in Italian)
by G. Targioni-Tozzetti and G. Menasci, adapted from a story by G. Verga

THE CAST

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| Santuzza, <i>a village girl</i> | CLAUDIA MUZIO |
| Lola, <i>wife of Alfio</i> | MYRTLE LEONARD |
| Turiddu, <i>a young soldier</i> | DINO BORGOLI |
| Alfio, <i>a teamster</i> | ALFREDO GANDOLFI |
| Lucia, <i>mother of Turiddu</i> | HELENE STRAUSE |
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Peasants and Villagers

Conductor: ANTONIO DELL'OREFICE

SCENE AND PERIOD: The action takes place on a square in a
Sicilian village, at the present time

Followed by

I PAGLIACCI

Opera in two acts. Music and Text (in Italian) by Ruggerio Leoncavallo

THE CAST

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| Canio (<i>in the play "Punchinello"</i>), <i>master of the troupe</i> | GIOVANNI MARTINELLI |
| Nedda (<i>in the play "Columbine"</i>), <i>his wife</i> | LUCREZIA BORI |
| Tonio (<i>in the play "Taddeo"</i>), <i>the clown</i> | LAWRENCE TIBBETT |
| Beppe (<i>in the play "Harlequin"</i>) | LUDOVICO OLIVIERO |
| Silvio, <i>a villager</i> | ALFREDO GANDOLFI |
| First Peasant | EVARISTO ALIBERTINI |
| Second Peasant | AMERIGO FREDIANI |

Peasants and Villagers

Conductor: GAETANO MEROLA

Stage Director: ARMANDO AGNINI

Chorus Master: ANTONIO DELL'OREFICE

SCENE AND PERIOD: Calabria, near Montalto, on the Feast of Assumption
First Act, afternoon; Second Act, evening

Bell rings three minutes before curtain rises

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CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

WITH tender ardor Turiddu is heard expressing his love for the fickle Lola, who, while he was at war, broke their exchange of vows and married Alfio. When the villagers have entered the church to offer praise for their humble contentments Santuzza seeks Lucia for news of Turiddu and intimates her shame; but confidences are interrupted by the stormy arrival of Alfio. The formal Easter mass draws the peasants into the church, and when they are alone Santuzza confesses to Lucia that when Turiddu sought solace in her love she yielded to him. But now he deserts her to return to Lola. Lucia leaves so Santuzza may meet Turiddu alone. He denies with guilty violence that he has returned to Lola and repulses her love. Singing of Turiddu, the witching Lola strolls onto their quarrel. Mocking them as lovers, she derisively enters the church whose doors are closed to Santuzza. Desperately striving to save love and honor, Santuzza begs Turiddu to return to her, but he furiously scorns her supplications. Alfio discovers her, and she bitterly denounces Lola and Turiddu to him. Coming from the peace of the church, the villagers accept Turiddu's invitation to drink, and with him toast Lola. Alfio enters and malevolently refuses the cup offered by Turiddu, but accepts with cold satisfaction the challenge implied when Turiddu bites his ear. Turiddu bids farewell to his mother, in tardy concern commending Santuzza to her protection, and goes to meet Alfio and death.

I PAGLIACCI

PROLOGUE: The clown Tonio wistfully appeals that it be remembered that sincere emotions are the equal heritage of actors and men.

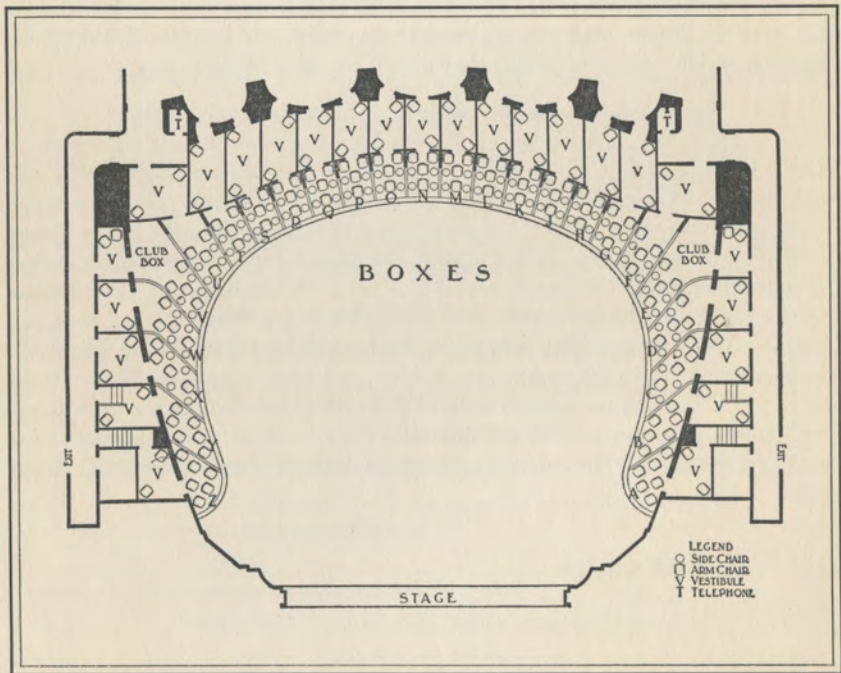
ACT I: Greeted by festive townsfolk, a traveling theater arrives. Tonio would assist Nedda, but is buffeted aside by Canio, who embraces Nedda with affectionate trust and goes with Beppe and the villagers to the tavern. The crowd disperses, leaving Nedda to wonder in lonely disquiet if Canio suspects her lover. She dispels her fears in sweet musings, and when Tonio appears repulses his overtures with ridicule that incurs his hatred. Silvio steals to Nedda, and the lovers are discovered by Tonio. Vindictively he summons Canio, and they hear Nedda promising to fly that night. Silvio escapes Canio's furious pursuit. Beppe urges them to forget their quarrel for the play; but Canio, shocked with rage and heart-break, shrinks from acting the comedy.

ACT II: The townspeople are introduced to a piquant Columbine in Nedda, and delight in her naughty love for Harlequin. PUNCHINELLO's sudden return sends Harlequin out the window, and between him and Nedda ensues an inquiry of her fidelity. Canio, torn with injury, injects all the storm of his own tragedy into the play; but, with capricious insistency, Nedda draws him back into its delicate artificiality. In the fury of his misery Canio stabs her, and when Silvio rushes to her side, kills him, and intones dully, "The comedy is ended."

NOTE: The Boys' Choir appearing in "I Pagliacci" is sponsored by the Recreation Commission of the city. Helen Moore is director, and Elizabeth Alexander, accompanist. The singers are: Robert Brown, Harry Butler, Chatham Forbes, John Globe, Charles Hammer, Gordon Jacobs, Harold Leoni, Alfred Mason, Louis De Martini, Howard Pennypacker, Edward Reed, Norman Reid, Joseph Romeo, Charles Stauffacher, John Trudrung, Philip Whaley, Ronald White, Warren Vocke.

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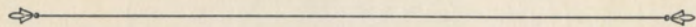
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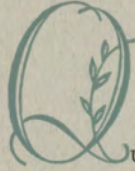
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STOVEPIPE HATS AND RUSTLING SILKS!....THEN A  
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