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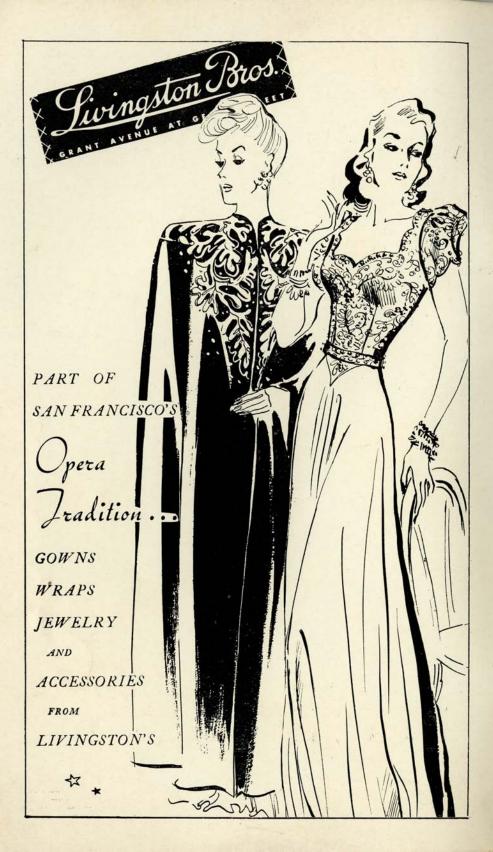
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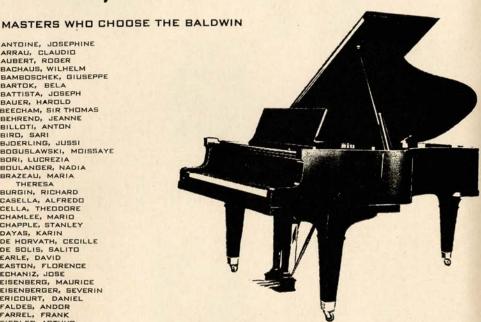
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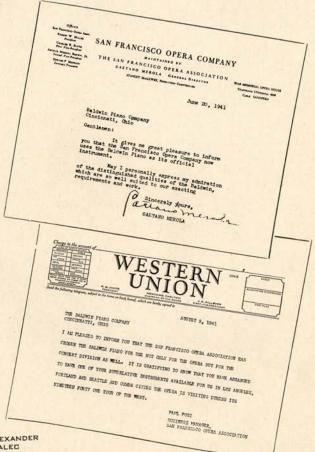
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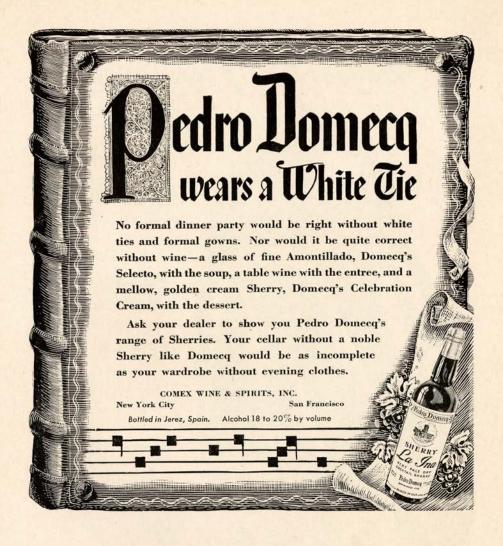
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Tannhauser, a minstrel knight	LAURITZ MELCHIOR			
Elizabeth, niece of Hermann	STELLA ROMAN			
Venus	KARIN BRANZELL			
Herman, landgrave of Thuringia	ALEXANDER KIPNIS			
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Act 1: Scene 1 Within the Hill of Venus. Scene 2 The Valley of Wartburg.

Act II: The Great Hall of Song, Castle of Wartburg

Act III: Same as Act 1, Scene 2

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ACT I

Dwelling with the immortals under the spell of Venus, Tannhauser, the minstrel knight, wearies of the monotony of his sensuous life. Even as he sings praises to Venus his thoughts wander back to earth and he implores the goddess to let him return there. Venus angrily threatens him and Tannhauser cries in despair, "My salvation rests in Mary, Mother of God." The name of the Blessed Virgin breaks the unholy spell; Venus and her court disappear. [Scene 2] In pronounced contrast to the sensuous surroundings he has just left, Tannhauser finds himself alone in a beautiful valley near a wayside shrine before which he kneels in repentance. From a hill nearby a shepherd sings an ode to Spring; pilgrims chant as they pass on their way to Rome, and Tannhauser remorsefully sobs out his guilt in prayer. The Landgrave and his minstrel knights, hunting in the forest, are surprised to find Tannhauser, their long-lost knight. He tells them his soul is oppressed by his sin and that he must forever in penance roam alone. Their entreaties that he join them avail nothing until Wolfram reminds him of Elizabeth, niece of the Landgrave, who longs for his return. Tannhauser, taking new hope that in the purity of Elizabeth's love he may be saved, consents to return to Wartburg with the knights and promises to compete in the forthcoming Tournament of Song, the prize for which is to be the hand of Elizabeth.

ACT II

The knights, assembled for the great song contest, are greeted by Elizabeth. Wolfram brings Tannhauser who tells Elizabeth that for her love alone he has returned. When he leaves her to join the other knights, her uncle comes to tell her that the singer whom she crowns as victor is to be her husband. Gorgeously arrayed, the contestants march, singing in chorus. The Landgrave welcomes the knights and gives them the contest theme, "Love." All of the knghts but Tannhauser sings to virtuous love, but he praises sensual passion and sings that he who knows not Venus, knows not love. The knights would crush him, but Elizabeth pleads that he be permitted to see Heaven's forgiveness, and he is sent off to beseech the pardon of the Pope.

ACT III

Elizabeth, watching for Tannhauser, kneels by a crucifix. Tannhauser is not among the returning pilgrims who pass in chorus (The Pilgrim's Chorus), and she sinks to her knees in anguished prayer. Wolfram urges her to let him return with her to the castle, but she declines and sets off alone. Left by himself, and with night falling, Wolfram sings to the evening star his thoughts of Elizabeth. Tannhauser appears. The Pope has refused him absolution, and he is returning to Venus. A vision of Venus appears to him, but Wolfram speaks of Elizabeth, and Venus, seeing Tannhauser's hesitation disappears in defeat. A funeral procession approaches. Elizabeth has died. Tannhauser, broken with grief and exhaustion, falls dead beside her bier just as a second group of pilgrims arrives carrying the papal staff, which has brought forth green leaves—a miracle revealing that Tannhauser has been pardoned.



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ACT II

Carmen and a band of gypsies are singing a gay song. She remembers that the soldier who went to prison for her is now at liberty and shortly will join her. Morales, of José's guard, is trying to win her favor, but she laughs at him. The famous bull-fighter Escamillo enters and she devotes herself to him. Morales is enraged. Both men leave and the tavern is closed. The inn-keeper then admits two smugglers who tell their plans to the girls whom they invite to join them. Carmen, alone, will not go. She is waiting for José, whose arrival leads to an ardent love scene. But he hears the trumpet sounding the retreat and tells Carmen he must return to his regiment. She is incensed and tells him that she hates him. Desperately he pours out his love and Carmen hurries to paint attractively the life they might lead together in the mountains. Despite her charms José is about to leave when his officer appears and orders him back to line. Resentfully José defies the captain, and escapes to the smugglers' camp with Carmen.

ACT III

José is unhappy in the life of a bandit, and Carmen, tiring of her gloomy lover, dreams of the Toreador. José threatens to kill her if she abandons him. "Death comes as Fate decrees," is her answer. She lays out the cards. They predict that she and her lover will die. Two visitors arrive: Escamillo, to see Carmen, and Micaela with a message from José's dying mother. The jealous José sees only Escamillo and shoots at him. Escamillo goes at once, but challenges José to meet him later. Micaela implores José to go to his mother. They leave together.

ACT IV

Carmen has become Escamillo's adored mistress. Magnificently dressed she comes with him to the entrance of the bull-ring, where he takes leave of her with impassioned song. Then the clouds of tragedy, which Carmen had read in the cards, lower in truth. Don José comes to Carmen to plead with her to be kind with him. Escamillo's name sounds in the arena amid wild applause, and Carmen repulses José with biting scorn. Escamillo's name again rings out, and the cheated José stabs Carmen to the heart.

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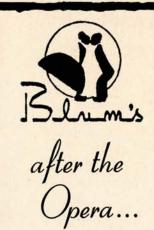
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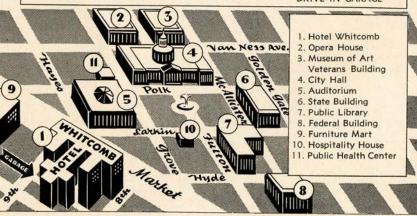
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Venus	KARIN BRANZELL
Herman, landgrave of Thuringia	ALEXANDER KIPNIS
Wolfram)	JULIUS HUEHN
Walther	PAUL WALTI
Biterolf Minstrel Knights	JEROME HINES
Heinrich	ANTHONY MARLOWE
Reinmar	SERAFIM STRELKOFF
A Young Shepherd	CHRISTINA CARROLL
PagesWILMA SPENCE, CHRISTINA CARROLL, ALICE AVAKIAN, JEANETTE HOPKINS	
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Scene 2 The Valley of Wartburg.

Act 11: The Great Hall of Song, Castle of Wartburg Act 111: Same as Act 1, Scene 2

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