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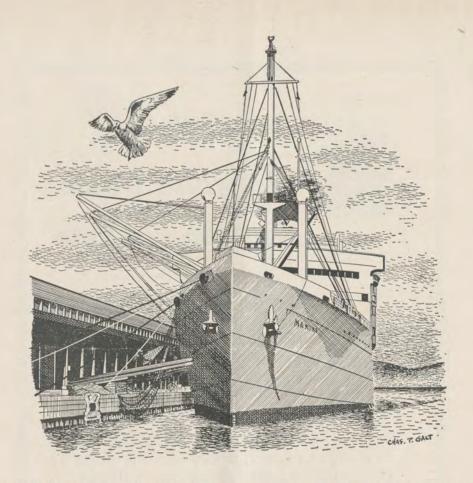
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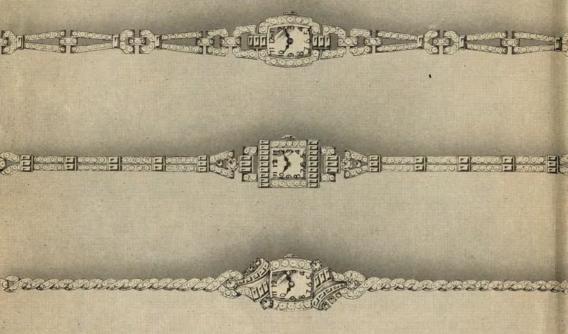
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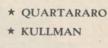


























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ACT I—Infuriated at Tristan's apparent indifference and despondent at the thought of her approaching loveless marriage, Isolde tells Brangane the story of her unrequited love for Tristan and, commanding her to prepare a poisonous draught, summons Tristan to her presence. Brangane, sensing disaster, substitutes a love potion for the poison cup. When Tristan comes Isolde reproaches him for the death of Morold. He offers his sword for her revenge but she, feigning forgiveness, proposes they drink a pledge of peace. Together they drain the cup prepared by Brangane and succumbing to its rapturous charm remain oblivious to their surroundings as the vessel reaches shore.

ACT II—Isolde, wedded to King Mark, has continued her relations with Tristan. They are suspected by Melot, a knight of the court, who arranges a pretended hunt in the hope of trapping the lovers. As the curtain rises Brangane confesses to Isolde her substitution of the love philtre. Fearing the hunt a ruse, she warns Isolde not to signal for a meeting with Tristan. But Isolde, lost in the intoxication of the love potion, will not heed and waves a beckoning handkerchief. The unexpected return of the hunters interrupts a long and ardent love scene. King Mark bitterly reproaches Tristan and offers him banishment. But Melot, shouting treason, rushes forward, sword in hand. Tristan draws in turn but, seeking only death with honor, drops his guard and receives a mortal wound.

ACT III—Tristan lies delirious in his castle where he has been taken by Kurvenal who has sent for Isolde knowing that only she can cure his master's wounds. In a lucid moment Kurvenal tells Tristan of Isolde's expected coming. The pipe of a shepherd, posted to signal the approach of her ship, takes on a joyous note. Kurvenal, crying out that Isolde comes, rushes off. Tristan, overcome by joy, tears at his bandaged wounds and staggering to his feet as Isolde arrives, dies in her arms. King Mark, having learned of the love potion, has followed in forgiveness close behind Isolde. Kurvenal, barring entrance, slays Melot and is killed by the soldiers. King Mark invokes a blessing on the dead as Isolde sings to her dead love the immortal Liebestod.



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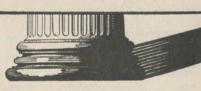
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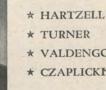
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Act I: Home of Louise in Tenement

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Act II: Scene 1: Street in Montemartre District
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ACT I—The laws of France forbid the marriage of young people of either sex without the consent of their parents. Louise is the daughter of working people. She is in love with Julien, a young poet, but her parents look upon him with disfavor. As the opera opens Louise, hurrying through her house work, runs to the window to greet Julien who has a lodging across the alley. Julien sings of his love for her. The Mother, entering, overhears the love-making from window to window and sets the girl to her tasks. The Father comes home from his toil. He has received a letter, the second, from Julien asking consent to his marriage with Louise. He talks gently to the girl about it. But the mother grows more bitter in her tirade against Julien and slaps Louise when she remonstrates. The father reasons with Louise in a kindly way and she promises to try and forget her love.

ACT II—Scene 1: It is early morning and the strange street types peculiar to Paris appear. Julien and his friends come to await Louise who works in a nearby dress-making shop. She arrives accompanied by her mother. The mother leaves and Julien asks Louise for the answer to his letter. When she tells him it is unfavorable he begs her to elope. But she refuses and goes into the shop. Scene 2: The girls sing at their work and tease Louise with being in love. Outside Julien's voice is heard passionately wooing Louise in serenade. The girls applaud. But when the singing continues until it grows tiresome they ask him to stop. He refuses and they load him with sarcasm and abuse. Louise, pleading illness, leaves the shop and goes away with Julien.

ACT III—Julien and Louise find happiness in love. Below them the great, wonderful city begins to glow with light. Fireworks light up the sky. The lovers embrace and go inside. As they disappear the Bohemians come to decorate the house. For Louise is to be crowned Queen of the Montmarte. The King of Fools arrives and the ceremony is ready to begin. Julien and Louise come out and form the center of the throng. With a triumphant chorus the maidens set the crown upon her head. In the midst of the gayety Louise's mother comes upon the scene. She tells Louise that her father has been ill and is about to die. The mother begs Julien to allow Louise to go home. He agrees upon the condition that she will return to him.

ACT IV—Louise discovers that she has been duped into coming home and is held a virtual prisoner. She is sullen and rebellious. The father reasons with her. But the lure of Paris and the love of Julien are too strong. Her passion grows out of bounds and she attempts to get away. The father stops her. She calls wildly for Julien. The father, losing all patience, is about to strike her but holds his hand and orders her from the house. Terrified, Louise runs into the street. In despair the poor old father goes to the window and would call her back. But it is too late. Paris again has claimed her.

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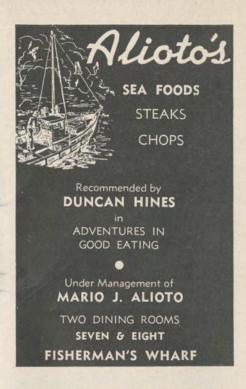
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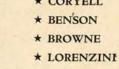
























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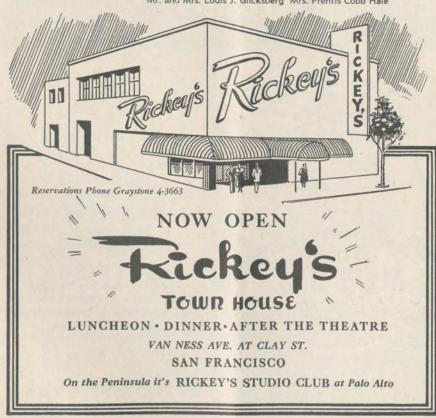
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### SUNDAY MATINEE, OCTOBER 19, at 2:00

## LOUISE

A Musical Romance in four acts. Text and Music by Gustave Charpentier. First performance by the San Francisco Opera Company

Louise	DOROTHY KIRSTEN
	CLARAMAE TURNER
	EZIO PINZA
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Julien, a poet	RAOUL JOBIN
Irma	LOIS HARTZELL
Camille	MARY JANE GRAY
Gertrude	BETA POPPER
Apprentice	MARTINA ZUBIRI
Elise	ELEANOR CORYELL
Blanche	DELPHIA PHILLIPS
	KATHLEEN LAWLOR ELMA HEITMAN
Forewoman	
Marguerite	BEVERLY CAMPBELL THORA HARPER
Ctract Curanas	THELMA VOTIPKA
Nowspaper Girl	ESTHER V. HESSLING
Vouna Pag Disker	EILEEN BALDWIN
Milk Woman	EILEEN BROWNE
Coal Picker	MARY JANE SPRY
Street Arab	MARTINA ZUBIRI
Birdfood Vendor	DORA BISH
Artichoke Vendor	THELMA VOTIPKA
Watercress Vendor )	DETA DODDED
Chair Mender	BETA POPPER
Noctambulist 1	ALECCIO DE DAOLIC
King of the Fools ("""	ALESSIO DE PAOLIS
Rag Picker	YINGILIO LAZZANI
Junk Man	DESIRE LIGETI
Song Writer	GEORGE CEHANOVSKY
First Philosopher	WALTER OLITZKI
Second Philosopher	BENJAMIN MARTIN
Painter	FLOYD DAVIS
Sculptor	PATRICK McVEY
Poet	ERICH LAWRENCE
Student	ALLEN SCHMIDLING
First Policeman	COLIN HARVEY
Second Policeman	MAX LORENZINI
Carret Vander	GEORGE TALLONE KAYTON NESBITT
Pag Vandor	GEORGE CEHANOVSKY
Green Pea Vendor	GALLIANO DANELUZ
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The Dancer	
Girls at the Dressmaking Establishment, Street Peddlers, Citizens.	
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STAGE DIRECTOR ARMANDO AGNINI

CONDUCTOR PAUL BREISACH

CHORUS DIRECTOR KURT HERBERT ADLER

TIME AND PLACE: About 1900; Paris

Act I: Home of Louise in Tenement

Act II: Scene 1: Street in Montemartre District
Scene 2: A Dressmaking Shop
Act III: Cottage and Terrace atop Montemartre
Act IV: Same as Act I

Settings designed by Eugene B. Dunkel and Armando Agnini. Painted by Dunkel and constructed in the Studios of the San Francisco Opera Association.

Encores not permitted — Bell rings three minutes before curtain rises