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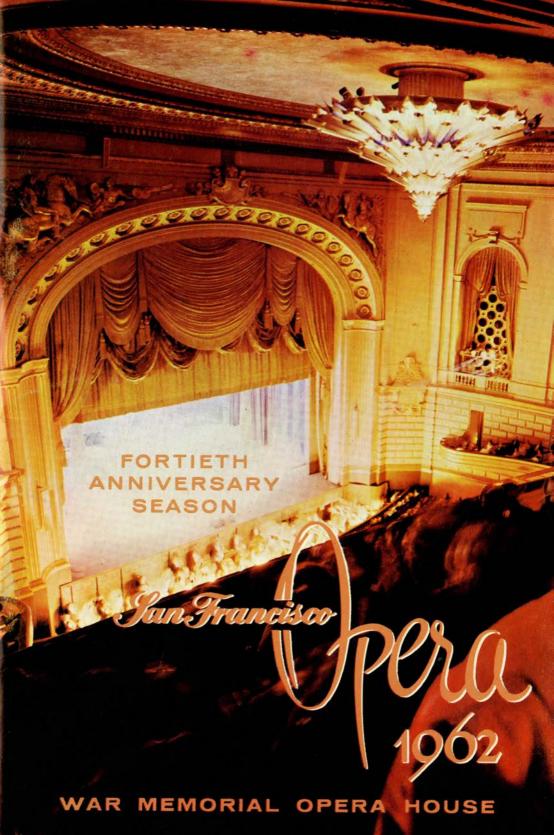
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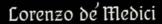
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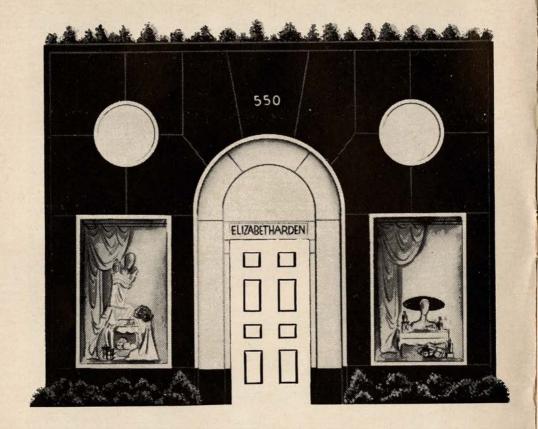
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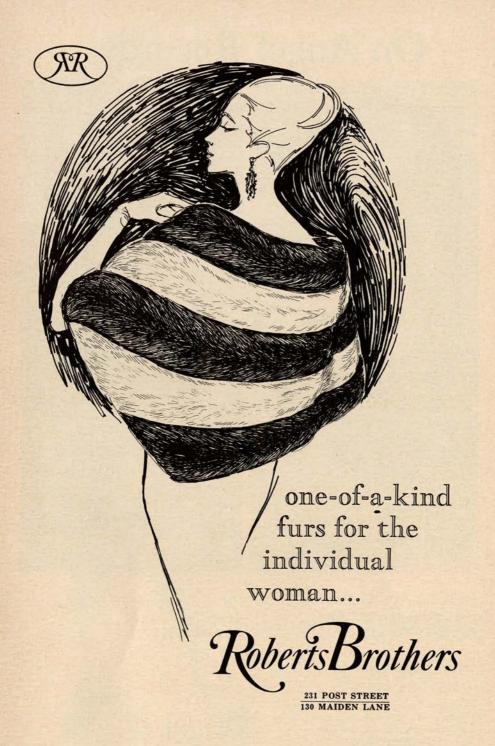
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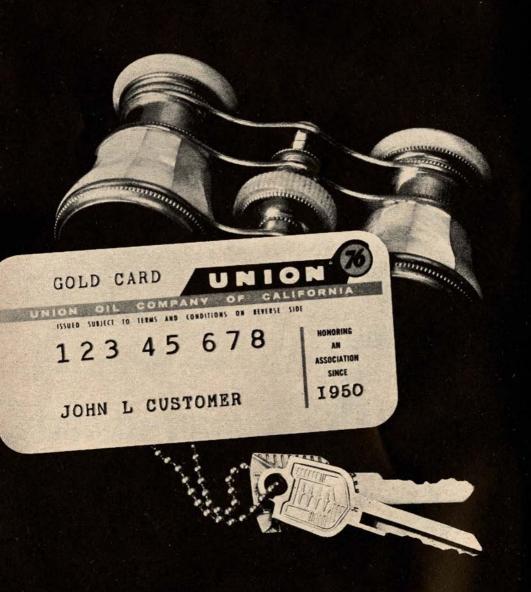
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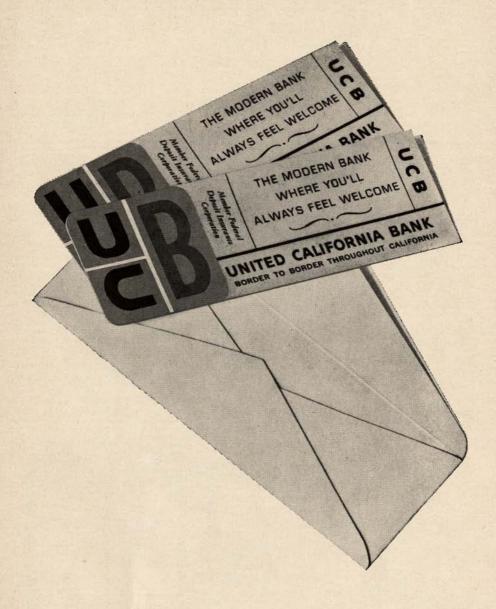
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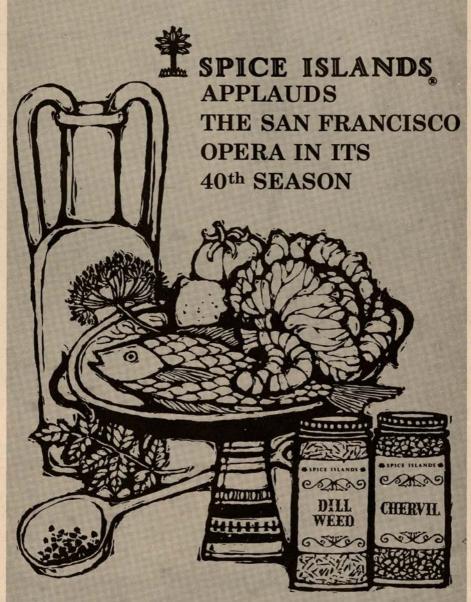
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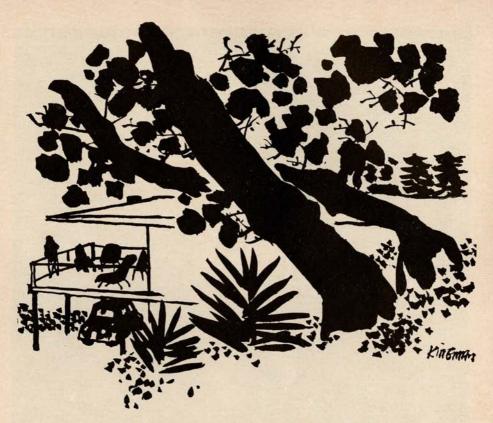


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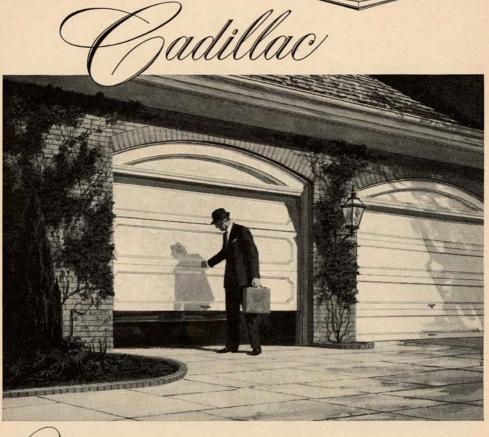
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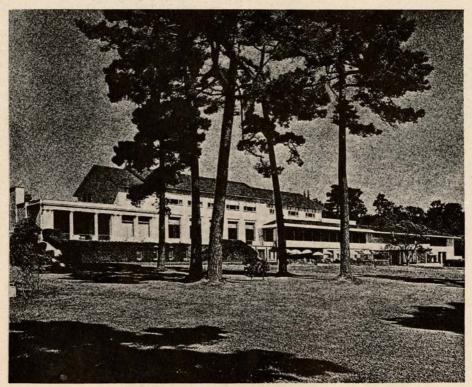
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The San Francisco Opera's newest stage director, who is responsible for the new production of "Faust" is a native of Argentina. His first visit to the United States was as a guest of the State Department which sent him on a tour of theaters all over the country.

This spring Capobianco made his professional debut in the United States directing two operas in Philadelphia and spent the summer in his post as artistic director of the Cincinnati Opera. He will return to both companies next season.

In Argentina he has directed at the Colon in Buenos Aires and he has also worked in Chile and Uruguay. Among his most important achievements were the South American premieres of "The Rake's Progress," "The Love for Three Oranges," and "Il Trionfo dell'Onore" of Scarlatti.

SONA CERVENA

For three years before she became a singer, mezzo-soprano Sona Cervena pursued a career as an actress. Following her conversion to a musical life she made her debut in Brno in her native Czechoslovakia, was shortly engaged by the Czech National Opera and heard in Prague as "Carmen" and Cherubino.

Her burgeoning career then took Miss Cervena to the Berlin State Opera and guest appearances in Germany, Warsaw, Moscow, and Brussels. In 1960 she made her Bayreuth debut and the following year was heard for the first time at Salzburg. 1961 also marked her permanent departure from east Germany.

"Carmen" was Miss Cervena's American debut role in San Francisco last week and she will also be heard as Mother Goose in "The Rake's Progress" and in "La Figlia del Reggimento."





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A bachelor of music degree from the University of Michigan and appearances in musical comedies led baritone Russell Christopher to grand opera, in which field he has appeared with the New York City Opera and in Baltimore, Philadelphia. Toledo, and Brooklyn. He is one of the 1962 American Opera Auditions winners and thus guaranteed appearances at Milan's Teatro Nuovo.

JANOS FERENCSIK

Maestro Ferencsik is with the San Francisco Opera on a leave from his post as general music director of the Budapest Opera and of the Hungarian State symphony orchestra. His only previous American appearance has been at the Hollywood Bowl and following his season here he will be heard as guest conductor with the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Other guest appearances during the last few years have taken the peripatetic conductor to Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Finland, Austria, England, the Soviet Union, Italy, Poland, and Rumania. He has served several years as a musical assistant at Bayreuth and from 1948 to 1950 conducted

regularly at Vienna's Staatsoper.





MELINA KRIKORIAN

A former San Francisco Opera chorister, Miss Krikorian returns to the Company this year as a soloist in "Der Rosenkavalier" after having won the San Francisco regional finals of the Company's 1962 auditions.

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MICHAEL LANGDON

Another "for the first time in America" appearance of the current season is that of English Michael Langdon, who has been a leading bass at Covent Garden for the last decade, assuming over sixty principal roles in that time. Possibly his most famous is that of Baron Ochs in "Der Rosenkavalier," which he has also sung with great success in Paris, Berlin, and Hamburg.

Among his Covent Garden stints have been "Ring" cycles under Stiedry, Konwischny, and Kempe. He appeared (in a different role than he sings here) in "Wozzeck," his San Francisco debut opera, under the late Erich Kleiber and performed his first Inquisitor in "Don Carlo" (another San Francisco role) in the famous production under Giulini.

WILMA LIPP

A native of Vienna, soprano Lipp is one of the jewels in the crown of her city's famous Staatsoper. She joined the company at the age of nineteen and at twenty-six was awarded the title of Kammersaengerin. An additional token of the esteem in which she is held by the Viennese is her ownership of the Silver Rose of the Vienna Philharmonic and of the Cross of Honor

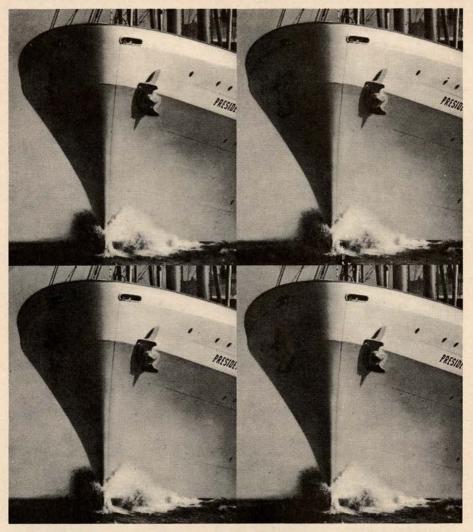
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Only this spring Miss Lipp was heard at La Scala as Eurydice to Giulietta Simionato's Orfeo, following an earlier appearance at the Milan house in "Die Meistersinger." Although San Francisco is the soprano's first operatic engagement in the United States, she has already been heard in Buenos Aires, London, Moscow, Naples, Rome. Leningrad, Barcelona, Berlin, Munich, Glyndebourne, Salzburg, Florence, and Bayreuth!

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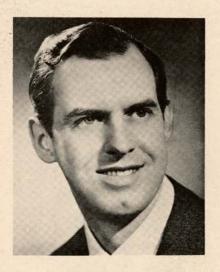




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KERSTIN MEYER

Mezzo-soprano Meyer made her operatic debut in 1952 with the Stockholm Royal Opera as Azucena in "Trovatore," followed by a variety of roles including "Carmen" and Delilah. Her international career began in 1956 with a recording of "Der Rosenkavalier" under von Karajan, and appearances as Eboli at the Staatsoper in Vienna and in Wolfgang Wagner's "Ring" production at Venice.

Since then Miss Meyer has also appeared at Covent Garden in London and at the Berlin Opera. Her Metropolitan debut occured in 1960, she sang there again this past winter as "Orfeo," and returns to New York following her current San Francisco season. One of her most famous roles is Baba in "The Rake's Progress" which she performed in the Ingmar Bergmann production in Stockholm and which she will sing in San Francisco later in the fall.

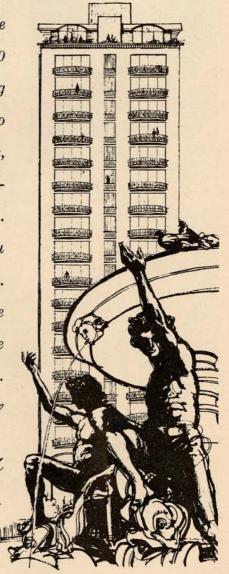


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TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 25 at 8:00 (FINAL CURTAIN APPROXIMATELY 11:30)

Revival

Revival New Production

(In French)

Opera in a prologue and three acts by Charles Gounod Text by Jules Barbier and Michel Carré, after the drama of Goethe

Conductor: OLIVIERO DE FABRITIIS Production: *TITO CAPOBIANCO Sets by **MARCIANO LONGARINI, EDWARD LOCKE GALLAGHER

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Chorus director: VINCENZO GIANNINI

Choreographer: LEW CHRISTENSEN

Costumers: GOLDSTEIN & CO.

TIME AND PLACE: Sixteenth century; Germany

Prologue: Faust's study

Act I: A public square

Act II: Marguerite's garden

Act III: Scene 1: A street

Scene 2: A church

Scene 3: A prison

MAJOR INTERMISSION AFTER ACT II

Next Regular Subscription Performance Tuesday, October 2, "II Trovatore" (Verdi) Curtain 8:30 p.m.

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THE STORY OF "FAUST"

PROLOGUE—Faust, an aged philosopher, discouraged by his vain search to discover the answer to the riddle of life, plans suicide. But at that moment, taunted by the carefree singing of the young villagers outside, he utters a terrible curse on life, asking Satan to aid him. At this summons, Mephistopheles appears to bargain with Faust—his soul for youth. Faust hesitates, but enchanted by a vision of Marguerite, he signs the pact and, transformed by a magic potion, goes to find her.

Act I—Villagers and soldiers are engaged in the village Kermesse festivities. Valentine, about to leave for the war, entrusts his sister Marguerite to the care of Siebel who loves her. Mingling with the townspeople are Faust and Mephistopheles. The latter, scorning proffered wine, slashes a vine and as wine spurts forth he bids the onlookers join him in a toast to Marguerite. Infuriated, Valentine draws his sword, but Mephistopheles shatters it. Soon the dancing begins, and to the delight of Faust, Marguerite appears. He approaches her, and although secretly charmed by his manner she rebuffs him.

Act II—Siebel enters with flowers which he leaves for Marguerite as a token of his love. After he leaves, Faust and Mephistopheles enter and, seeing Siebel's simple gift, leave an elegant casket of jewels for Marguerite. As she returns from the village, Marguerite reflects on the handsome and gallant stranger who spoke to her. Then discovering her gift, she cries out in excitement at the dazzling array of jewels. In her delight she bursts into song, which brings her companion, Martha, to the scene. Mephistopheles enters and draws Martha into an amusing flirtation, while Faust approaches Marguerite to declare his love. Troubled by a premonition of disaster she begs Faust to leave her, and saying farewell enters her cottage. From her window she sings of her love for Faust who, hearing her song, returns to her.

Act III (Scene 1)—Marguerite, who has been shamed and abandoned by Faust, is scorned by her townspeople with only the devoted Siebel remaining faithful. Returning from the war, Valentine discovers Faust and Mephistopheles outside Marguerite's window. Enraged, he engages in sword play to avenge his sister and is killed by Faust. With his dying breath he curses Marguerite.

(Scene 2): Marguerite has gone to church to pray, but she hears Mephistopheles who tells her that the devils in hell are clamoring for her soul. While the choir chants of the awful day of judgement, Marguerite prays as Mephisto proclaims her doom.

(Scene 3): Marguerite, in her madness, has killed the child she has borne Faust and is in prison awaiting execution. Faust and Mephistopheles come to aid her escape but dying she rejects them and in so doing gains salvation. Faust, meanwhile, commanded by Mephistopheles to fulfill his part of the bargain, is sent to his doom.



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THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27 at 8:00 (FINAL CURTAIN APPROXIMATELY 11:50)

Der Rosenkavalier

Opera in three acts by Richard Strauss

Text by Hugo von Hofmannsthal (by special arrangement with Boosey and Hawkes, Inc., publisher and copyright owner)

Conductor: JANOS FERENCSIK	Staged by: PAUL HAGER
The Marschallin, princess of Werdenb	ergELISABETH SCHWARZKOPF
Octavian, a young nobleman	KERSTIN MEYER
Blackamoor	**ROBIN ROSENFELD
Baron Ochs of Lerchenau	MICHAEL LANGDON
Footmen of the Marschallin	JOHN GOMEZ, JAMES WAGNER,
${\sf J}$	AN BUDZINSKI, KARL WOELLHAF
The Marschallin's major-domo	WINTHER ANDERSEN
The Marschallin's major-domo*M	ELINA KRIKORIAN, ANN MOORE,
	GAIL LEONARD
Their mother	ELEANOR AVERY
A milliner	CAROL TODD
An animal vendor	WILLIAM FAIRLEY
Valzacchi	HOWARD FRIED
Annina	JANIS MARTIN
Leopold, Ochs' valet	DAVID GIOSSO
A singer	*GLADE PETERSON
A notary	COLIN HARVEY
Von Faninal, a rich merchant	THOMAS TIPTON
Marianne, Sophie's companion	GWEN CURATILO
Sophie, Faninal's daughter	WILMA LIPP
Faninal's major-domo	RICHARD RIFFEL
An innkeeper	RAYMOND MANTON
A police commissioner	JOSHUA HECHT

A scholar, a flute player, a hairdresser, his assistant, a cook, musicians, a footman, couriers, lackeys, maids, a physician, cook boys, waiters, coachmen, guests, children, various persons of suspicious appearance.

Chorus director: VINCENZO GIANNINI

*San Francisco Opera Debut

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Madi Bacon, Director

Costumers: GOLDSTEIN & CO.

TIME AND PLACE: Eighteenth century Vienna; in the early years of the reign of Maria Therese

Act II: Bedroom of the Marschallin

Act III: Room in an inn

MAJOR INTERMISSION AFTER ACT II

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THE STORY OF "DER ROSENKAVALIER"

Acr I—Morning sunlight is streaming into the room as the youthful Count Octavian Rofrano kneels at the feet of the Princess von Werdenberg and declares his love. They are shortly disturbed by sounds which the lovers believe to be made by the Princess' husband returning home unexpectedly. Octavian conceals himself and dons the dress of a lady's maid. Meanwhile the fears of the Princess have turned to amusement, for the person who enters is her cousin, the boastful and debauched Baron Ochs of Lerchenau. He has come to ask her assistance in his approaching marriage with Sophie Faninal. The Baron is much impressed with the Princess' new maid, Octavian in disguise, with whom he begins a flirtation. After the Princess has dispensed with the morning interviews and the Baron has departed, leaving with her a silver rose to be delivered to his fiancee, Octavian re-enters. The Princess sadly meditates on the passing of time. Suddenly remembering the rose, she dispatches a servant to deliver it to the departing Octavian who will act as the bridegroom's messenger.

Acr II—Excitement reigns at the Faninal household for Sophie is to marry into nobility. Octavian enters and the ceremony of the presentation of the rose takes place. Octavian and Sophie recognize their deep attraction for one another and she is repulsed by the Baron who is presented to her shortly after. As he attempts to force Sophie to sign the marriage contract, Octavian comes to her defense and slightly wounds the Baron. The ambitious Faninal is furious and insists that Sophie either marry Ochs or enter a convent. Octavian leaves, promising to aid Sophie, and the Baron's spirits are restored with wine and a letter from Mariandel, the Princess' "maid", offering to meet him the next night.

Acr III—Octavian, again disguised as the maid Mariandel, keeps the rendezvous at the inn. While they are dining, such a host of tricks of Octavian's devising are played on the Baron that he believes himself feverish or mad. In the midst of the turmoil the police enter to arrest the Baron; Faninal has been summoned and is horrified to discover his prospective son-in-law in such a compromising situation; Sophie renounces him; and finally the Princess enters advising the Baron to leave and informing the commissioner that it is all a game. In the meantime, Octavian has changed into his own attire and the Princess, realizing he loves Sophie, renounces him. Faninal accepts the inevitable and Octavian takes Sophie into his arms.

Repertoire

Designer: JENKINS Conductor: LUDWIG Production: HAGER Designers: BAUER-ECSY, MASON ..DON CARLO (Verdi) Designer: NOMIKOS Thursday Night, September 20, at 8:00. CARMEN (Bizet)
Cervena, Lipp, Todd, Martin; Del Monaco, Stewart, Hecht, Christopher, Manton, Fried
Conductor: FERENCSIK
Designer: BAY
Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN Budzinski, Gomez Production: HAGER Conductor: LUDWIG Designers: BAUER-ECSY, MASON Designer: NOMIKOS Tuesday Night, September 25, at 8:00.
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Conductor: DE FABRITIS
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Lipp, Meneguzzer, Simionato, Meyer; Evans, Peterson, Stewart, Manton, Langdon, Fried Conductor: FERENCSIK Staged by: HAGER

Designer: NAGY

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Staged by: CAPOBIANCO

(Sets from the Dallas Civic Opera—ZEFFIRELLI)

Monday Night, October 22, at 8:30. LA BOHEME (Puccini)

De Los Angeles, Horne; Cioni, Tipton, Christopher, Macurdy, Baccaloni, Fried, Harvey, Andersen,
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Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

Staged by: YANNOPOULOS

Designer: JENKINS

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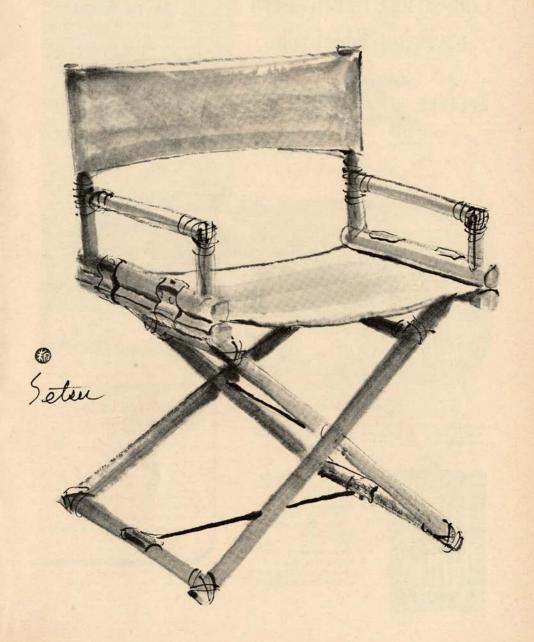
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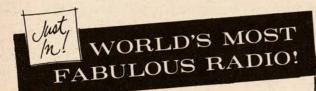
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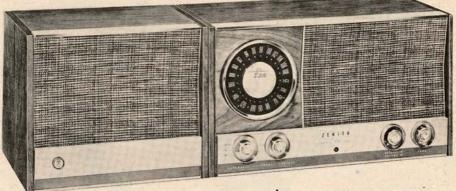


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GLADE PETERSON

Currently one of the leading tenors of Zurich's Stadttheater, young Peterson is an American from Utah who made his first operatic appearance in Salt Lake City in "Il Tabarro." From there he went to New York where he was engaged by the NBC Opera for Pinkerton in "Madama Butterfly" in 1957 and subsequently sang with companies in Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Dallas.

Since going to Europe he has also sung at the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto and last year made his debut in Vienna in the same role he makes his San Francisco bow in, the singer

in "Der Rosenkavalier."

CONSUELO RUBIO

The first of two Spanish sopranos new to the San Francisco Opera this year. Miss Rubio's international career dates only from 1958, but since that time she has chalked up an impressive series of engagements. Possibly her greatest success was in the title role of Gluck's "Alcestis" at Glyndebourne. She has also appeared as "Carmen," Donna Elvira, Countess Almaviva, Mimi, and "Beatrice di Tenda" in France, Argentina, and Italy.

The raven-tressed singer made her first United States appearance at the Hollywood Bowl where the Los Angeles Times hailed hers as "the most promising (Bowl) debut since Birgit Nilsson."

In October Miss Rubio will open the Chicago Lvric season and then fulfills engagements in Geneva ("Don Carlo"), Brussels (La Boheme"), and Vienna ("Andrea Chenier").



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THOMAS STEWART

"What (Evelyn Lear) and Thomas Stewart attained belongs among the most glorious achievements in all Berlin opera." So wrote the critic for the influential Frankfurter Allgemeine last year following the baritone's role in the world premiere of Klebe's "Alkmene." And since Miss Lear is Mrs. Stewart in private life, it was a complete family triumph for the tall Texas-born baritone.

Stewart, who is familiar with the bay area through having lived in Richmond as a teenager, returns to his native country for the first time since scoring triumphs in Berlin, where he has sung since 1958; at the Bayreuth festival, for the last three summers; and guest appearances at Covent Garden, Paris, Hamburg, and Vienna.

In addition to his local debut role in "Don Carlo," he will be heard as Valentine in "Faust," Escamillo in "Carmen," and Ford in "Falstaff."

THOMAS TIPTON

Like Thomas Stewart, baritone Thomas Tipton was the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship which took him to Europe where he is at present attached to the Mannheim Opera. He has sung more than 400 performances in five years at this theater, including the world premiere of Hindemith's "The Long Christmas Dinner."

Tipton was born in Michigan, although his

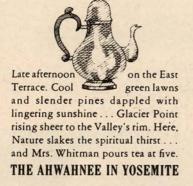
Tipton was born in Michigan, although his family now lives in Los Angeles. His repertoire includes "Rigoletto," Iago in "Otello" and the Count in "Le Nozze di Figaro."



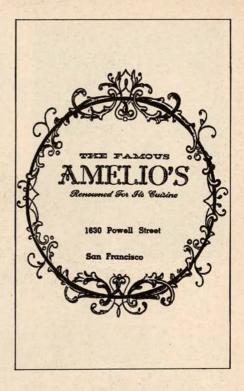


CAROL TODD

The co-winner of the 1962 San Francisco Opera Debut Auditions, soprano Todd made her Company debut in what might be called the accurate part of "a celestial voice" in the opening week "Don Carlo." For the last two summers she has participated in the Merola Memorial Opera Program. This spring she scored a success as Nedda in "I Pagliacci" in Los Angeles.



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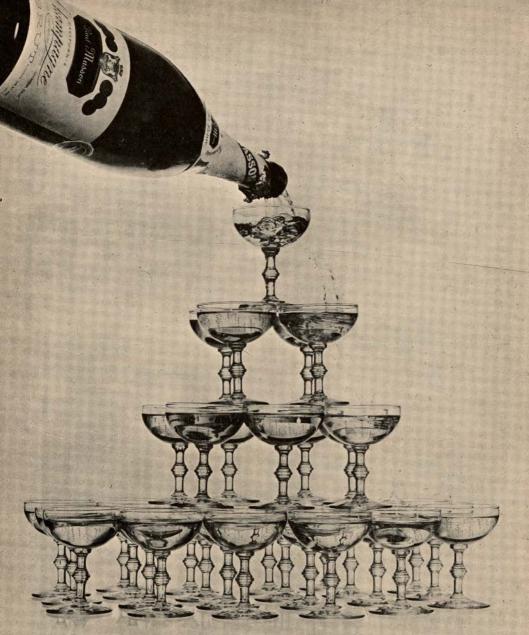


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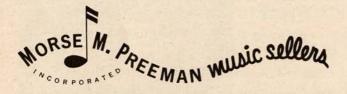
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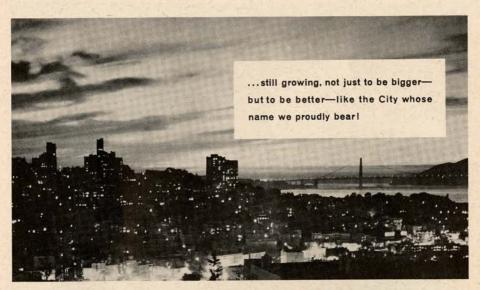
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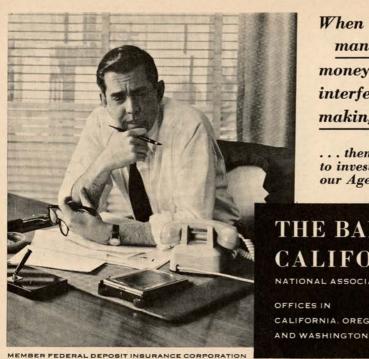
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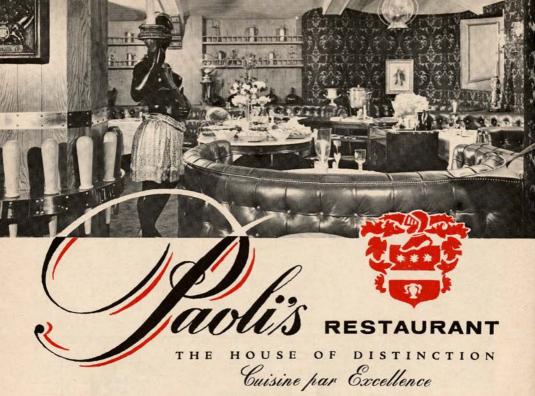
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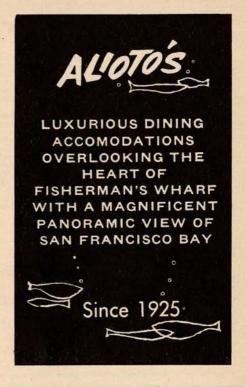
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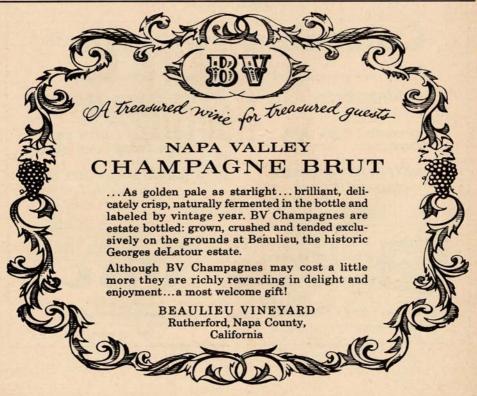
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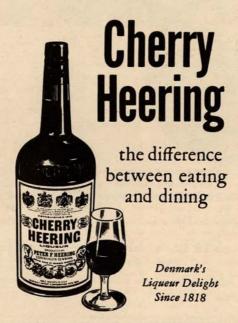
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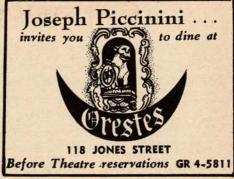
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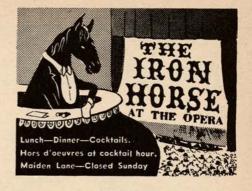
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