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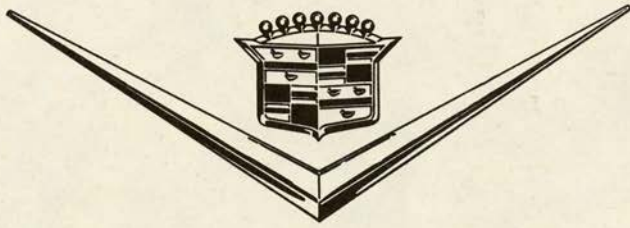
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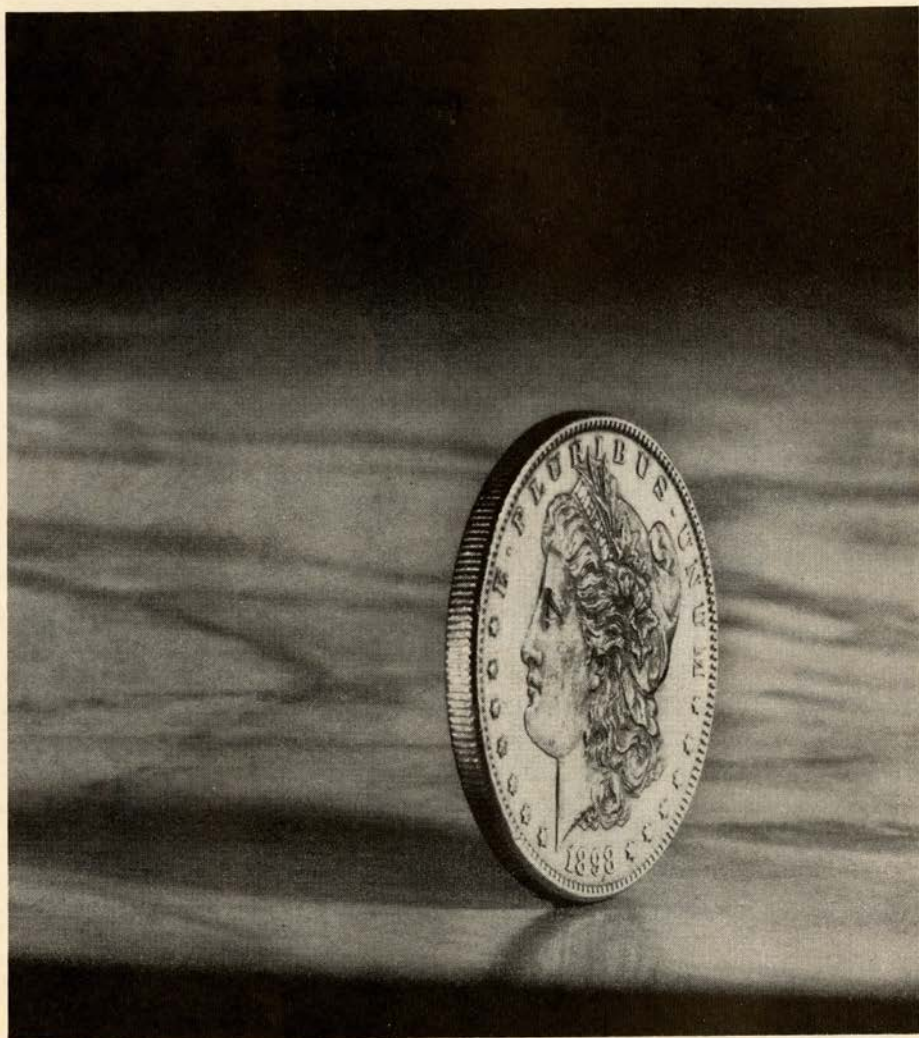
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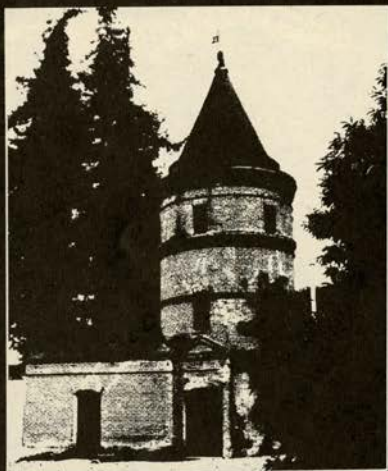
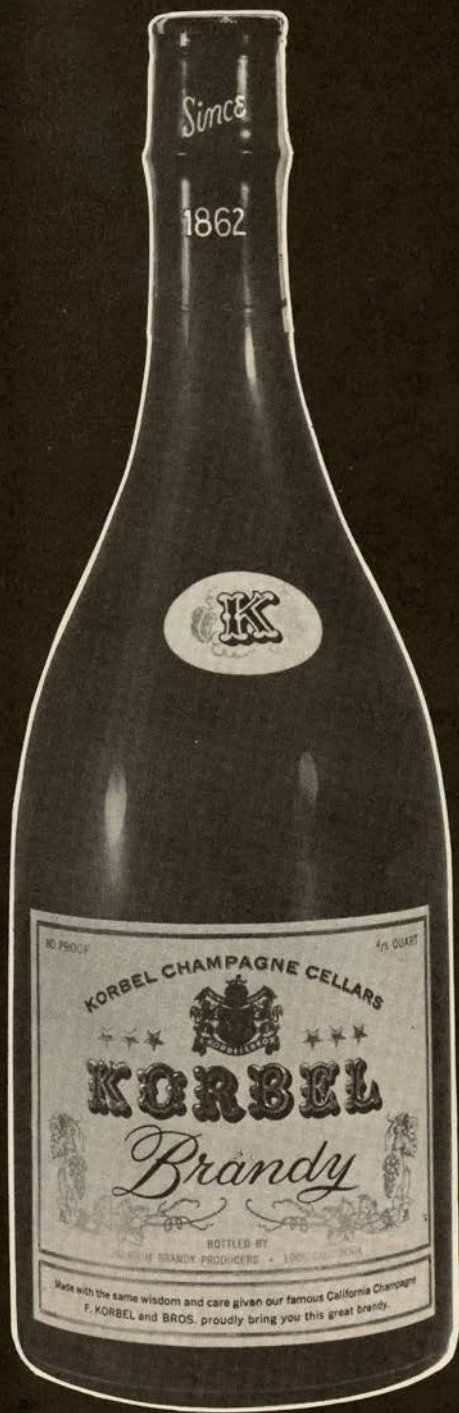
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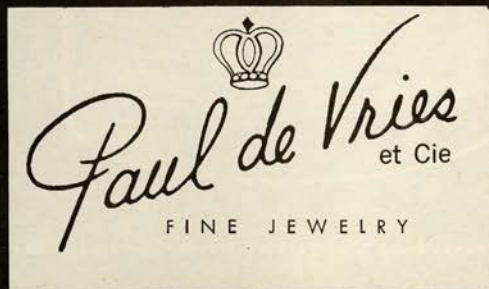
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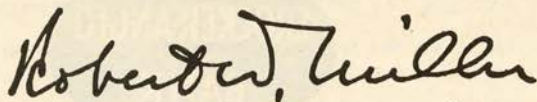
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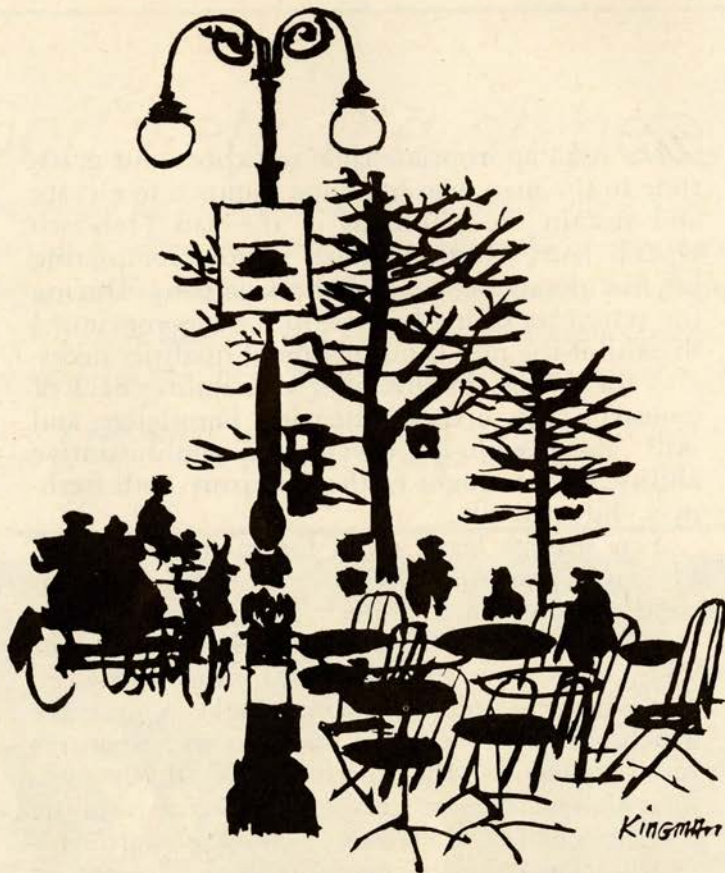
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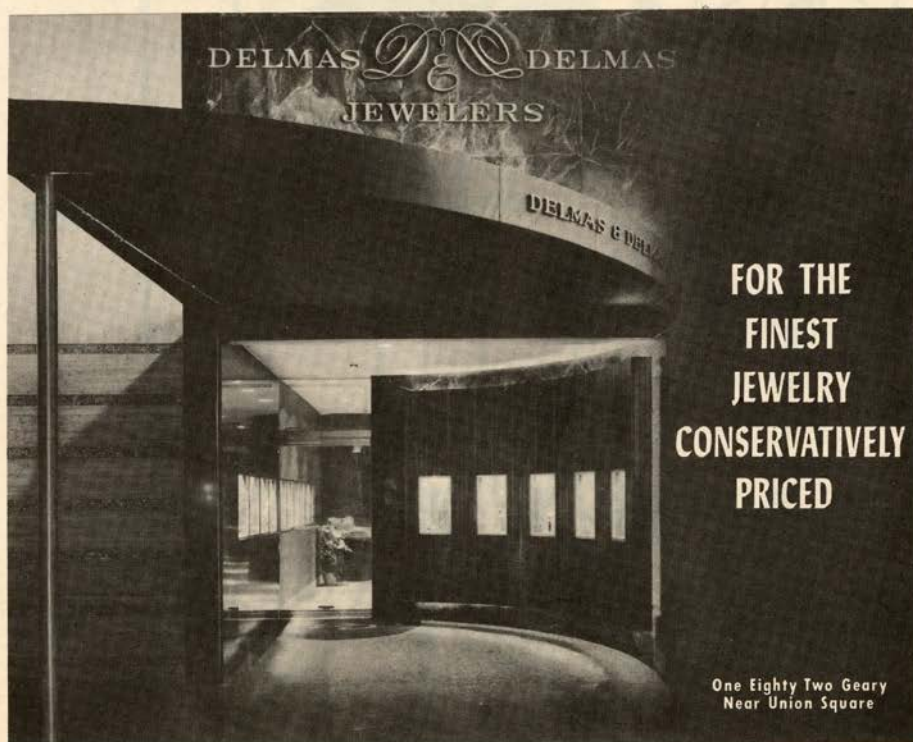
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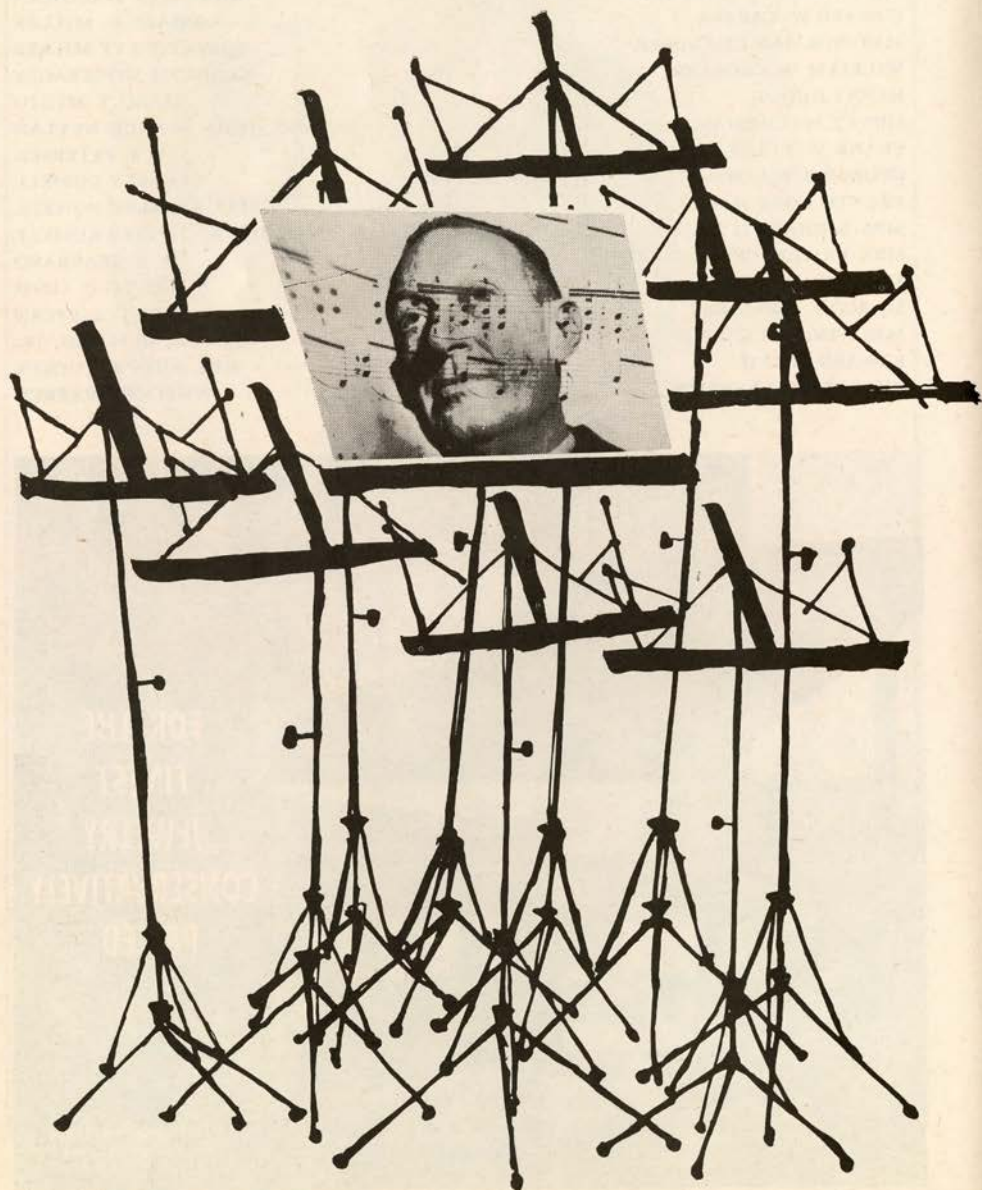
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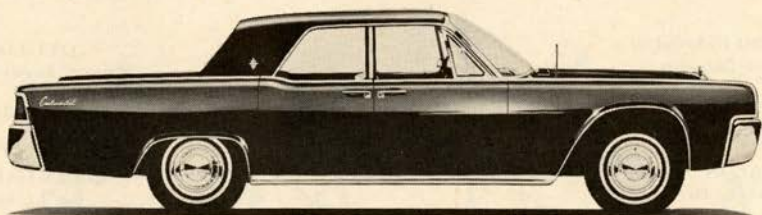
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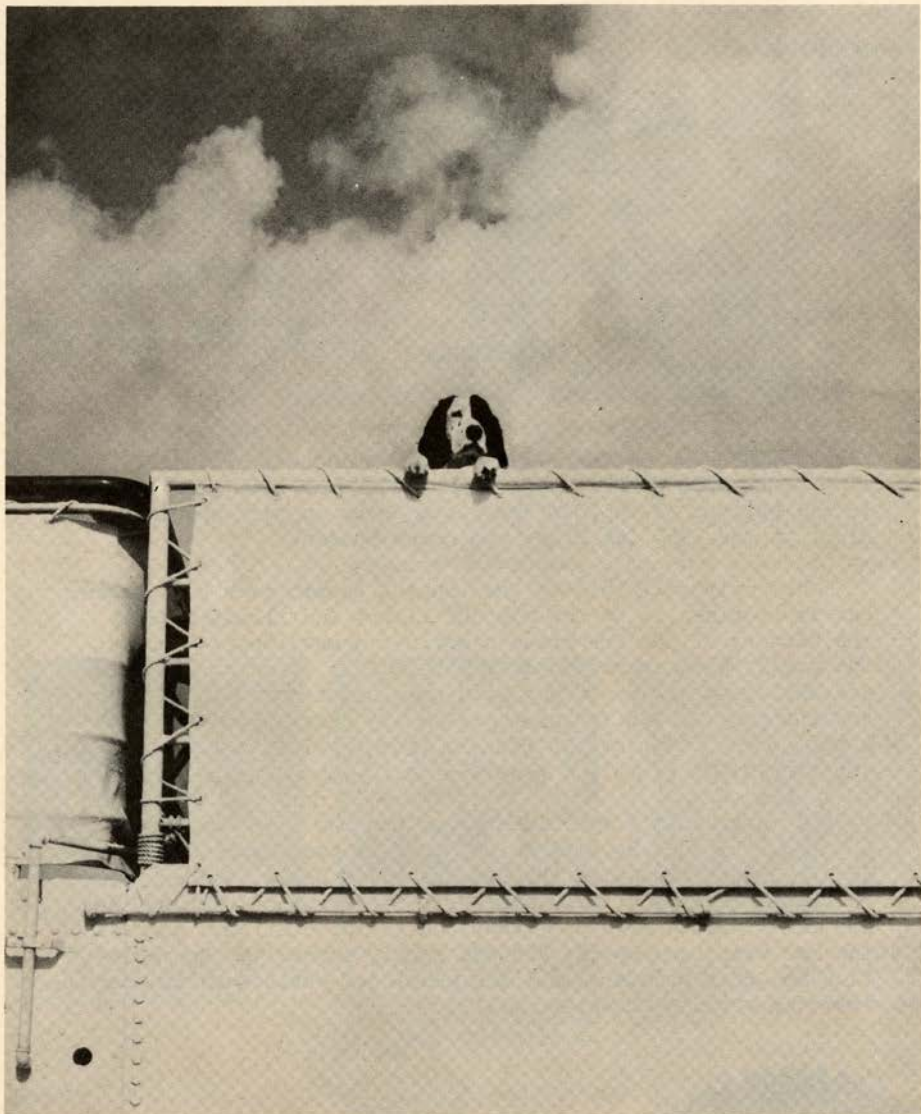
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I congratulate the Director of the San Francisco Opera Company, Mr. Kurt Herbert Adler, on this twentieth anniversary of his association with the San Francisco Opera, and on this tenth anniversary of his invaluable service as Director. He has made immeasurable contributions to the continued success of the San Francisco Opera, and has richly earned the appreciation and best wishes of all the people of our community who love the world's finest music.



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DEBUTS OF THE WEEK



RICHARD BONYNGE

Mr. Bonyngé makes his San Francisco Opera debut conducting three performances of "La Sonnambula", a chore for which he won great acclaim from the critics through his recent full-length recording of this work for London records.

The young Australian's natural inclination for conducting was for a time over-shadowed by the revelation of his pianistic gifts. Indeed, he carried on a career as a "wunderkind", appearing in recitals and with orchestra in his native land before traveling to England to continue his studies. One of Bonyngé's piano teachers in Australia was a former accompanist of the great Nellie Melba and through this association the young man developed an interest in the operatic music of the nineteenth century and the florid style of singing.

For a time Bonyngé subordinated his own career to that of his wife, Joan Sutherland, whom he coached to her present success. He then made his official conducting debut in January of 1962 with the Santa Cecilia orchestra in Rome. He conducted in the United States for the first time in July of that year, when he was invited for two concerts at the Hollywood Bowl, and has since made American appearances in Chicago, New York, Boston, and San Francisco. In between he found time to conduct a series of "Faust" performances in Vancouver, B.C., and a full-length recording of "Alcina" for London records.

RICHARD CROSS

A native of Faribault, Minnesota, Richard Cross received all his vocal training in the United States and has built a major career here. After attending Cornell college, he auditioned for the then-touring NBC Opera company and was immediately engaged for a series of small roles. A few months later Gian-Carlo Menotti signed him for the male lead in "Maria Golovin", which Cross sang at the world premiere at the Brussels world's fair, in the Broadway production, on television, on the RCA Victor recording, and later with the New York City Opera.

His career was interrupted at this point by military service at Fort Meade, Maryland, where, due to the proximity of the Baltimore Civic Opera, Cross was given special permission to perform Mephistopheles in "Faust" and Colline in "La Boheme". His first post-army engagement was again with the NBC Opera, singing Pimen in a national telecast of "Boris Godunov".

In the last two years Cross' operatic repertoire has expanded to include leading roles in such operas as "Le Nozze di Figaro", "Aida", "The Tales of Hoffmann", "Carmen", and "Rigoletto" with companies in Washington, Baltimore, Vancouver, Philadelphia, and Montreal. He made his debut with the Philadelphia orchestra in both Philadelphia and New York as soloist in Bach's B minor mass and has recently recorded the work with this orchestra. This summer he sang the title role in "Don Giovanni" at the Central City festival and after singing Count Rodolfo in "La Sonnambula" in San Francisco he goes to Vancouver, B.C., to perform in "Norma".



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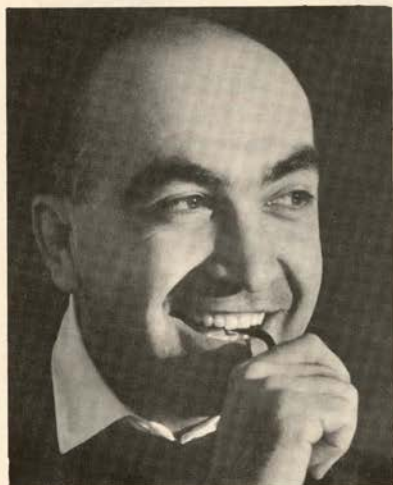
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LOTFI MANSOURI

Whether his duties as stage director for this week's "La Sonnambula" performances actually constitute his San Francisco Opera debut is a moot point for Lotfi Mansouri since he lists his first "professional" operatic engagement as a super for a Los Angeles performance of the Company's "Otello". Mansouri was a student at the time at the University of California. After graduation he served as stage director for the UCLA opera workshop and other southern California groups.

The Iranian-born stage director is now a citizen of the United States who for the past three years has been resident director at the Zurich Stadttheater. And to further complicate his international status, Mansouri has been a guest director at the San Carlo Opera in Naples, the Teatro Carlo Felice in Genoa, Perugia, and Dortmund, and has also worked in Venice and Salzburg. In addition to his operatic chores, he staged the first European production of the musical "Carnival", has done television work in the past, and next year will direct twenty-four episodes of an American television comedy to be filmed in Europe.

In addition to "La Sonnambula", San Francisco Opera audiences will see evidence of Mansouri's work in "La Traviata" and revivals of "Dialogues of the Carmelites", "Die Walküre", "Samson et Dalila", and "Mefistofele".

JOHN SHAW

The Amonasro of the opening night "Aida" is currently a leading baritone of the Covent Garden Opera in London, where he made his debut in January of 1958 as "Rigoletto" opposite the Gilda of Joan Sutherland. Since then Shaw has sung many roles there including "Macbeth", Scarpia in "Tosca", Rodrigo in "Don Carlo", and Renato in "Un Ballo in Maschera".

Shaw was born in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, studied singing in Melbourne, and performed with the National Theatre Opera of Victoria, the Italian Grand Opera in Australia, and the Elizabethan Theatre Trust Opera company before leaving for Europe. He made his debut at the Vienna Staatsoper in 1961 as Tonio in "I Pagliacci" and has also appeared at both the Holland and Edinburgh festivals.

In San Francisco Shaw will also be heard in the Company's first production of "The Queen of Spades", the revival of "Dialogues of the Carmelites", and "Tosca".





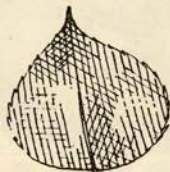
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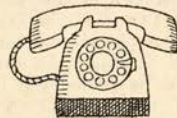
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GIUSEPPE VERDI — 1813-1901

The opening-night performance of "Aida" pays tribute to the operatic colossus, Giuseppe Verdi, whose musical genius was recognized in his own time, and whose stature has continued to tower in the world of opera since his passing in 1901. This "peasant from Le Roncole," a country-boy at heart throughout his life, began his prolific writing at an early age. In 1853, he recalled, "From my thirteenth to my eighteenth year I wrote an assortment of pieces: marches for brass band by the hundred, perhaps as many little sinfonie . . . five or six concertos and sets of variations for the pianoforte, many serenades, cantatas (arias, duets, very many trios) and various pieces of church music of which I remember only a *Stabat Mater*." These exercises were the beginning of his preparation for the phenomenal output of nineteen operas in sixteen years, beginning with "Oberto" in 1839, and including "Rigoletto" (1851) which established his international reputation, the popular "Il Trovatore" and "La Traviata," the latter composed in four weeks, "Simone Boccanegra" and "Un Ballo in Maschera," to mention only a few.

During the next ten years during which "La Forza del Destino" was given its premiere in the opera house of St. Petersburg (1862) and "Don Carlos" was produced for the Paris Exposition of 1867, Verdi devoted himself to studying the works of older Italian composers.

Despite his undisputed popularity, Verdi resented the growing influence of his great contemporary, Wagner, whom he never met. Of a comparison of their works, he said with some bitterness, "Why still write operas? So that I might be told I know less of dramatic art than that man Wagner, or worse yet, that I imitated him." He was soon to be persuaded, however, by a request from the Khedive of Egypt for a festival opera to celebrate the opening of the Suez canal. The substantial offer and a dramatic sketch of an Egyptian opera, rich in magnificent scenes by the famous Egyptologist, Mariette Bey, lured Verdi back to his beloved theatre. From the rough draft of the story, Camille du Locle, a former director of the Opera Comique, visiting Verdi, wrote a libretto in French prose, with the composer enthusiastically watching its progress and suggesting the double scene in the finale. The French prose was translated into Italian verse by the librettist, Antonio Ghislanzoni. From the outset, Verdi took command in the construction of the libretto of "Aida," projecting ideas for several of the most effective scenes and many of the most striking passages of the dialogue.

The elaborate costumes and scenery, designed in the period of the Pharaohs, were made in France. Before they could be shipped to Cairo, the Franco-Prussian war broke out, and the premiere of "Aida" was delayed one year, a year in which the composer had time to refine and revise his work. The finale of the second act has been described as one of the grandest conceptions of modern operatic art, with its magnificent spectacle, diversity of characterization and strength of dramatic action. Performed on Christmas Eve of 1871 before a distinguished audience from all countries gathered to witness the historic event of the opening of the Suez Canal, a Verdi premiere was played in the presence of representatives of the international press for the first time. On that evening, the Italian operatic art of the nineteenth century scored its supreme international triumph: Verdi, who disliked sea voyages, was conspicuous by his absence. A few weeks later, "Aida" was enthusiastically received at La Scala under the direction of Verdi himself who was recalled thirty-two times and presented with an ivory baton and diamond star with the name of Aida in rubies and his own in other precious stones. An ecstatic audience, brought to its feet, waving scarves and throwing flowers, demonstrated their genuine love and gratitude by endless salvos of applause and shouts of approval. Verdi was deeply moved — he felt that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to write a successful opera after "Aida".

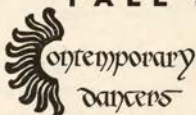
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Fifteen years passed. Famous, but far from the theater, Verdi lived in the midst of his beloved fields. Nobody seriously thought that the septuagenarian would ever write another work. His last public appearance had been at St. Mark's in Venice, when he conducted his requiem in 1874, dedicated to the memory of Manzoni on the anniversary of his death. Commenting on Verdi's silence, and expressing the anxiety of his friends, his publisher, Ricordi, said, "How sad to see a man, whom nobody would take to be even sixty, who never has as much as a headache, who has the appetite of a youth, and who for three or four hours every day tends his fields under a burning sun — to have such a man refuse to write even a single note!"

His wife, Giuseppina, has described him in a letter, "Verdi is in the garden all the time he is not sleeping or eating. He has already made the necessary arrangements for the little island in the pond to take another shape. Today the plants arrive from Bordin and if by mischance the moon shines tonight we shall have, until God knows when, to put as many of them as possible in their places, seeing that tomorrow is a holiday, when it'll be impossible to get any work done. Verdi speaks with great respect of your father's botanical and agrarian talents. Both of them will probably end up as gardeners, for the greater glory of the art of music, and so be it!"

Little did they know that in the winter of his life, Verdi would yet surpass his own masterpieces. With the inspiration of the famous Arrigo Boito, who abandoned his own composition to collaborate with the venerable composer, Verdi produced "Otello" in 1887, considered by many to be the pinnacle of his achievement. This brilliant team of collaborators went on to create one of the greatest comic operas of the repertoire, "Falstaff," produced in 1893. Decades before, Rossini had said of the young Verdi, "He is a musician with a serious character—he'll never be able to write a gay opera . . ." It seemed that Rossini had been right, until Verdi at 80 proved him wrong. Age had produced a mellow, serene Verdi who was to respond to Boito's libretto with a masterpiece of sparkling humor and wit. At the first performance February 9, 1893, at La Scala, the audience went wild with enthusiasm and joy. In a letter to the French critic, Camille Bellaigue, Boito wrote, "What you cannot imagine is the immense intellectual joy this Latin lyric comedy produces on the stage. It's a real outpouring of grace, of strength and gaiety. Come to hear this masterpiece; come to spend two hours in the gardens of the Decameron . . . If you come soon, perhaps Verdi will still be here. You will hear a performance that still retains all the freshness and charm of things newly born."

The incomparable octagenarian was still to produce his last works in the beautiful "Te Deum" to which he was particularly attached, the "Stabat Mater," the "Ave Maria" and "Laudi alla Vergine Maria".

Verdi's death, which occurred on January 21st, 1901, is described by Boito in a letter to Bellaigue: ". . . Verdi is dead; he has carried away with him an enormous measure of light and vital warmth. We had all basked in the sunshine of that Olympian old age. He died magnificently, like a fighter, formidable and mute . . . His resistance was heroic . . ." And later, he said, "The voluntary servitude I consecrated to that just, most noble and truly great man is the act of my life that gives me most satisfaction . . . That man was a prodigious artist! A genius! . . ."

Verdi's funeral was an overwhelming demonstration of a nation's love and gratitude. Somebody started singing, and the melody, slowly and solemnly, was taken up by one after another until it swelled into a thousand-voiced choral: *Va, pensiero, sull' ali dorate . . .* from "Nabucco". It was the melody their maestro had written half a century before, as heartfelt and simple, as honest and straightforward, as everything he had done and written in his life.

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La Sonnambula

(IN ITALIAN)

Opera in three acts by VINCENZO BELLINI

Text by Felicia Romani

Conductor: RICHARD BONYNGE

Stage Director: LOTFI MANSOURI

Designer: ELEMER NAGY

TERESA, *Amina's foster mother and owner of the mill*.....DOROTHY COLE
LISA, *hostess of the village inn*.....JOLANDA MENEGUZZER
ALESSIO, *a young villager*.....JOSHUA HECHT
AMINA, *a village maiden*.....JOAN SUTHERLAND
NOTARY.....RAYMOND MANTON
ELVINO, *a young farmer betrothed to Amina*.....RENATO CIONI
COUNT RODOLFO, *lord of the manor*.....RICHARD CROSS

Villagers and peasants

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Act II: Scene 1: The Count's bedroom at the inn
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Act III: Same as Act I

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ACT I — SCENE 1 — Lisa, hostess of the inn, is listening with jealousy to the voices of the peasants on their way to the village to celebrate the marriage of Amina and Elvino. Alessio ardently greets Lisa but she turns away for she still loves Elvino. The notary arrives and after the marriage contract is signed, Elvino invites everyone to his wedding on the following day. A few minutes later a stranger strides through the crowd. He is actually Count Rodolfo, son of the late lord of the manor, returning after many years. Amina, who is subject to fits of sleepwalking, has been mistaken for a ghost by the peasants and they warn Rodolfo that the village is haunted. He has decided to spend the night at the inn and scoffs at their superstitions. As the Count expresses his wishes for Amina's happiness, Elvino becomes momentarily jealous.

ACT II — SCENE 1 — Lisa enters the Count's room, and a playful scene of flirtation ensues, during which Amina appears, walking in her sleep. Lisa seeks shelter, dropping her scarf in her haste. Hearing the sounds of the approaching villagers who have learned the identity of the Count and have come to the inn to pay their respects, Rodolfo leaves the apartment and Amina reclines upon the bed. Elvino, who has been summoned by the malicious Lisa, arrives on the scene. Believing Amina unfaithful, he declares he will never marry her. Suddenly awakened by the noise, the innocent Amina hears Elvino's bitter words and sorrowfully throws herself into Teresa's arms.

SCENE 2 — The next morning, the villagers make their way to the Count's castle to ask him to intercede on Amina's behalf. They rest briefly and discuss the manner in which they will approach the Count. Amina and Teresa, also on their way to see the Count, meet Elvino by chance. He reproaches Amina and tears the ring from her finger. The villagers, having succeeded in persuading the Count to intercede for Amina, rush in shouting the good news. Elvino, unconvinced, angrily departs.

ACT III — Elvino has announced his intentions to marry Lisa, and the villagers are on their way to the church for the wedding ceremony. The Count arrives and tries to convince Elvino of Amina's innocence, explaining that she had entered his room in her sleep and that she is a sonnambulist. Elvino is still uncertain until Teresa arrives on the scene in time to produce Lisa's scarf, found in the Count's bedroom. Suddenly Amina is seen stepping from the window of the mill in her sleep. She descends to the ground and Elvino, at Rodolfo's suggestion, places the ring on her finger and kneels before her as she is awakened. All suspicion has been dispelled and there is a general rejoicing in the village.

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FAUST	SANDOR KONYA
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Prologue: In Heaven

Act I: Scene 1: Frankfort-on-the-Main, Easter Sunday
Scene 2: Faust's study

Act II: Scene 1: Marta's garden
Scene 2: The heights of the Brocken in the Harz
mountains

Act III: A prison cell

Act IV: Ancient Greece

Epilogue: Faust's study

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ACT I — SCENE 1 — Easter Sunday crowds move in and out of the city gates. Among them appears a grey friar, an object of both reverence and dread to those near him. The aged Dr. Faust and his pupil Wagner descend from a height and enter upon the scene, shadowed by the friar, whose actions they discuss. Faust returns to his laboratory, followed by the friar who conceals himself in an alcove.

SCENE 2 — Faust's meditations are interrupted by the shriek from the friar who rushes from his place of concealment. Faust makes the all-potent 'sign of Solomon' which compels Mefistofele to throw off his friar's disguise and to appear in his own person in the garb of a cavalier. In reply to Faust's questions, he admits that his only desire is the complete ruin of the world. He offers to make Faust the companion of his wanderings, upon certain conditions to which the latter agrees, saying, "If thou wilt bring me one hour of peace in which my soul may rest." The contract completed, Mefistofele spreads his cloak, and both disappear through the air.

ACT II — SCENE 1 — Strolling in the garden, a rejuvenated Faust, now Henry, Margherita, Mefistofele and Marta chat and make love. The scene ends with a quartet of farewell in which Margherita exclaims her love for Faust.

SCENE 2 — Mefistofele takes Faust to the heights of the Brocken where he witnesses the orgies of the Witches' Sabbath. The fiend is welcomed and saluted as their king. Faust, benumbed and stupefied gazes into the murky sky, and experiences there a vision of Margherita, pale, sad, and fettered in chains.

ACT III — The scene is a prison. Margherita, out of her mind with grief, is lying in chains and stirring restlessly. Faust begs Mefistofele to save her life, and Mefistofele opens the cell. Slowly recognizing her lover, Margherita pleads to be laid in death beside her babe, whom she drowned, and her mother whom she is accused of having poisoned. Faust entreats her to fly with him, but the voice of Mefistofele in the background recalls her to reality. She shrinks away from Faust, prays to Heaven for mercy, and dies. Voices of the celestial choir are singing softly; "She's saved!", as Faust and Mefistofele escape. The executioner and his escort appear in the background.

ACT IV — Faust is enthralled with the beauty of the Vale of Tempe, while Mefistofele finds that the orgies of the Brocken were more to his taste. It is the night of the classic Sabbath. A band of young maidens appears, singing and dancing. Mefistofele, annoyed and confused, retires. Elena enters with chorus, and absorbed by a terrible vision, recounts the story of Troy's destruction. Faust enters, clad in the costume of a knight of the fifteenth century, followed by Mefistofele, Nereus, Pantalís and others. Kneeling before Elena, he addresses her as his ideal of beauty and purity. Thus pledging to each other love and devotion, they wander through the bowers and are lost to sight.

EPILOGUE — Faust, an old man with death fast approaching, mourns over his past life, with the holy volume open before him. Mefistofele spreads his cloak and urges Faust to fly with him through the air. Appealing to Heaven, Faust is strengthened by the sound of angelic voices, and resists. Foiled in his efforts, Mefistofele conjures up a vision of beautiful sirens. Faust goes to the sacred volume and cries, "Here at last I find salvation." Falling on his knees in prayer, he effectually overcomes the temptations of the evil one. He dies. Mefistofele has lost his wager, and holy influences have prevailed.

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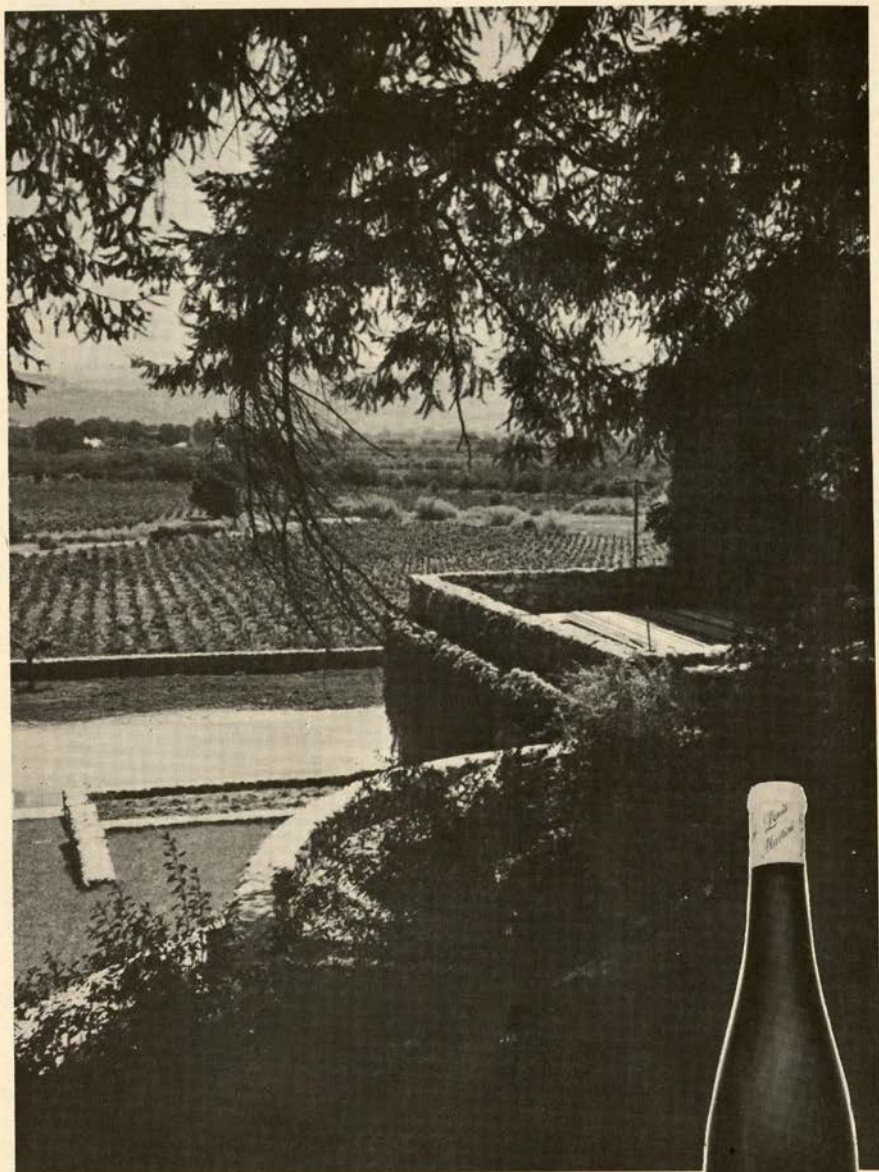


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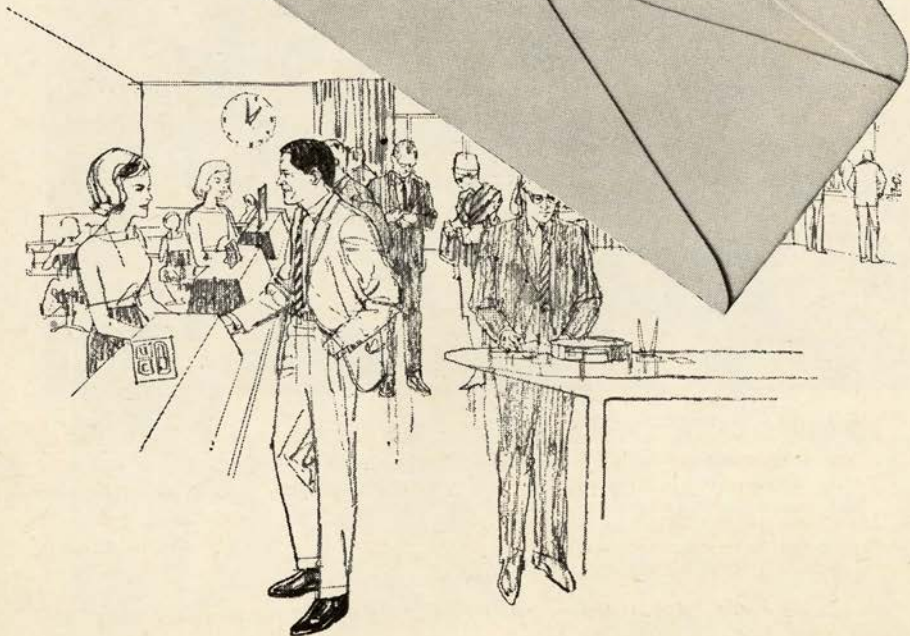
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A primary obligation of the San Francisco Opera is to meet the growing demand for fine opera in San Francisco. Toward this end, the local season has been extended from six to seven weeks this year and the number of performances increased from 30 to 36. This means that the Company will be presenting more opera to more people at a proportionately lower cost of production. Although budgeted expenses are up 17% over last year, a greater number of repeat performances will reduce our average deficit per performance after the added box office income, thereby accomplishing a more efficient use of staff and artists.

Nevertheless, the overall loss will be somewhat higher than before, due largely to the steadily rising cost of labor. While many business and industrial concerns have been able to cut costs, or boost production, through various labor saving devices, no machines have yet been developed that can sing, act, direct, dance, conduct, design and tend to the hundreds of other production jobs that call for a high degree of individual skill and talent. Because opera production is 95% labor, our costs have increased at a much greater rate than business expenses in general.

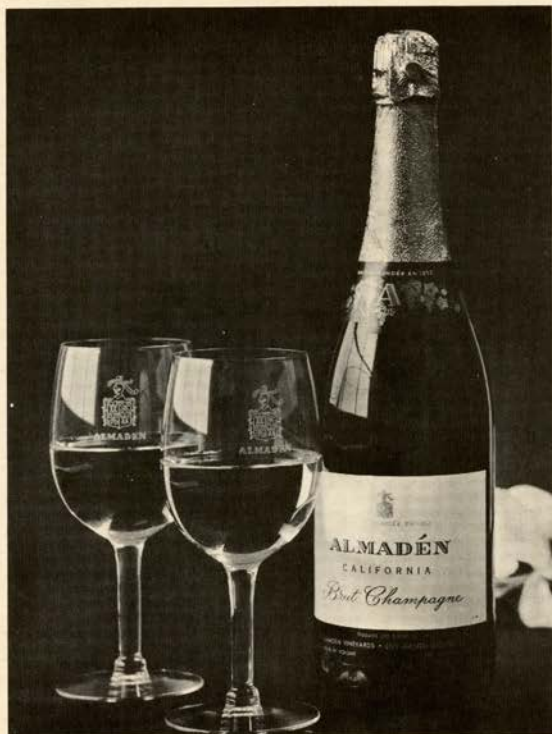
In 1947, our total expenses were \$728,842, with gross operating income at \$649,616. In 1962, expenses had reached \$1,672,525 against a gross operating income of \$1,345,920.

So, despite strict and relentless economies of operation, despite sell-outs for almost every performance, despite the fact that we are closer to being self-supporting than any other major opera organization (ticket proceeds cover from 80-85% of expenses), the San Francisco Opera this year must raise \$8,128 more than in 1962. The 1963 goal is \$160,000.

Thanks to the financial support from our guarantors and an increasing number of donors, the San Francisco Opera has, so far, survived the cost squeeze of recent years. To maintain our present artistic level, we will need the continued assistance of past contributors. At the same time, we must continue to develop new and additional support from individuals, businesses, foundations and local government.

Only by constantly striving to better our previous performance, in fund raising as well as staging, can we keep grand opera alive and growing in San Francisco.

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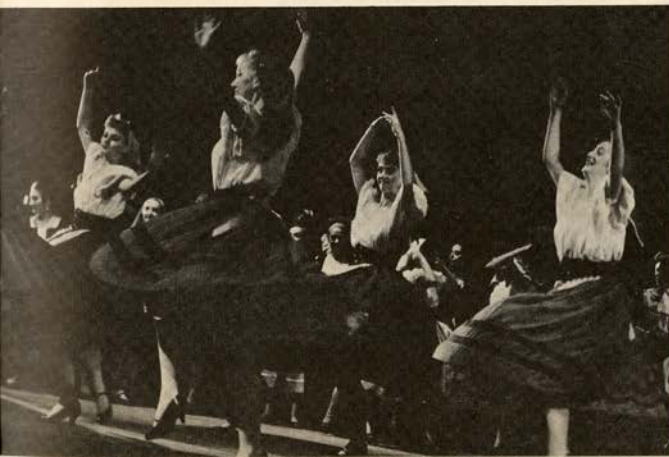
As costs increase, the Company must depend on increasing support in its annual fund drive. The goal this year is \$160,000, and to reach it we need many more donations than we received in 1962.

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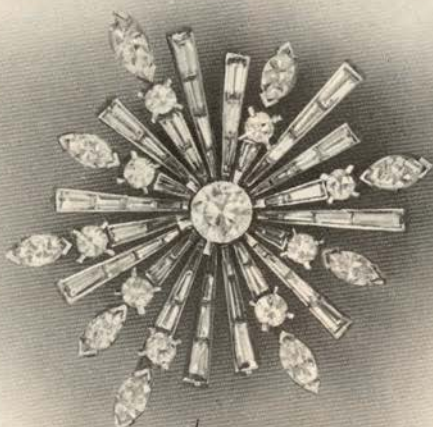
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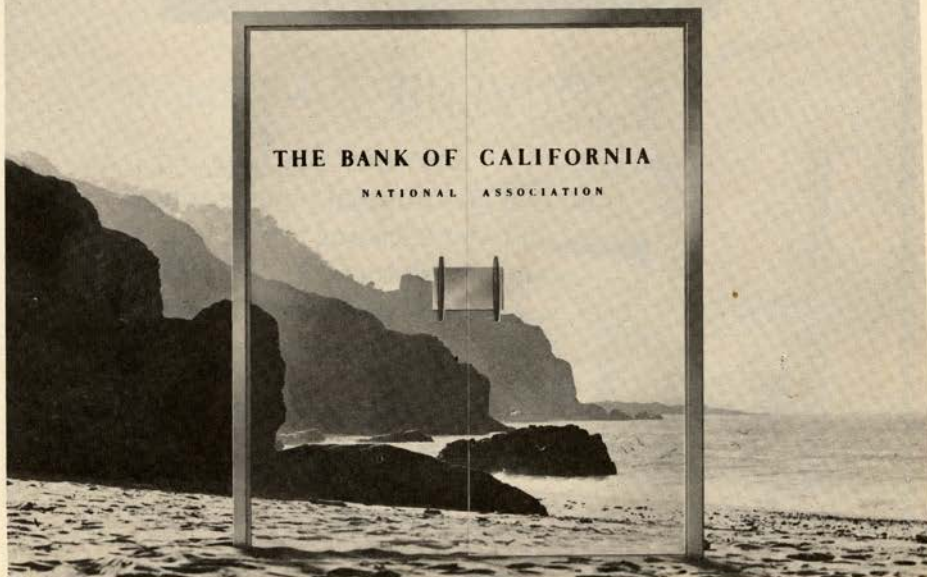
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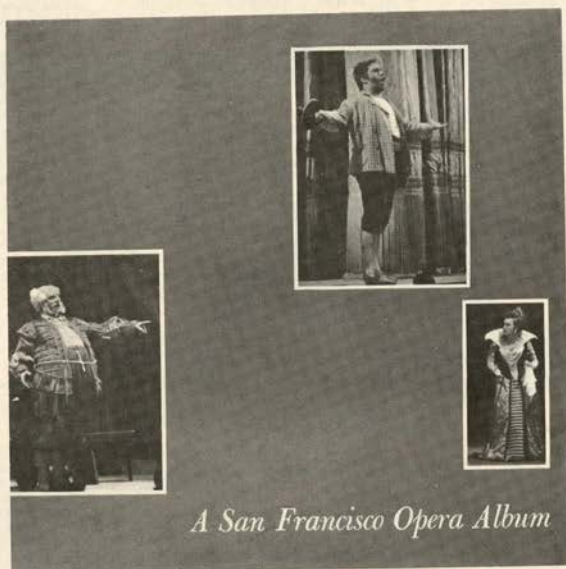
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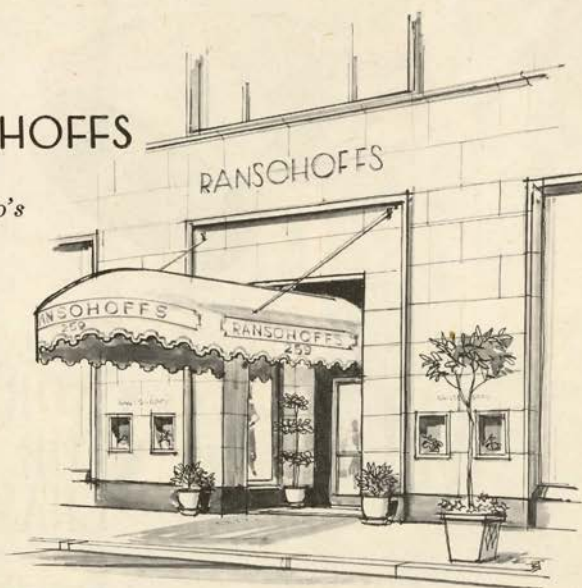
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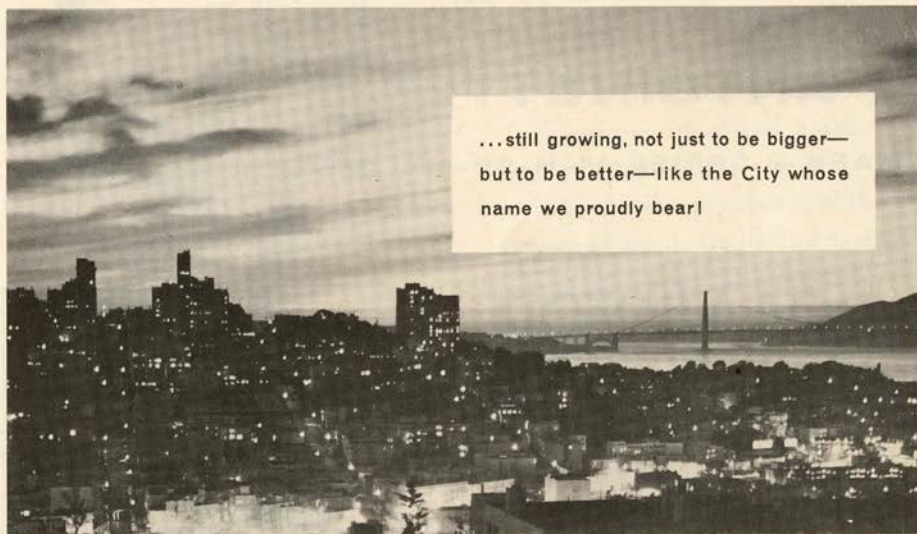
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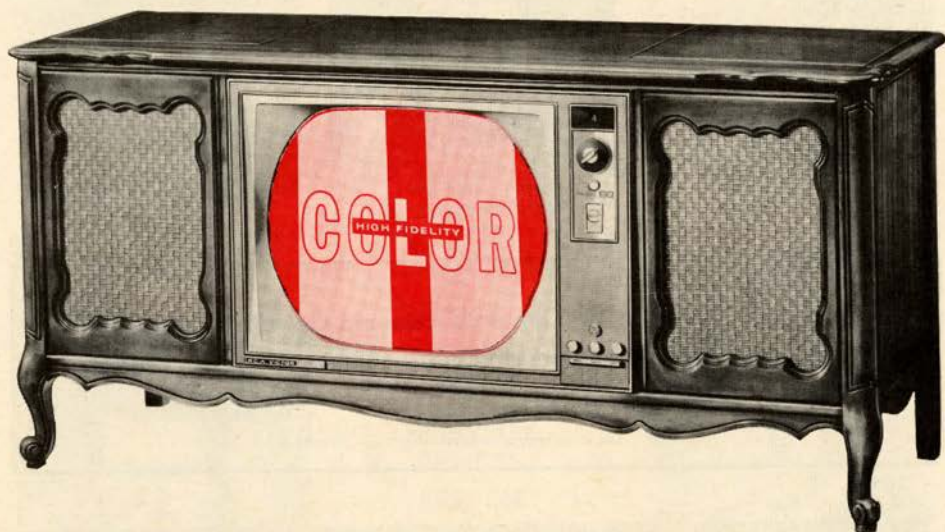
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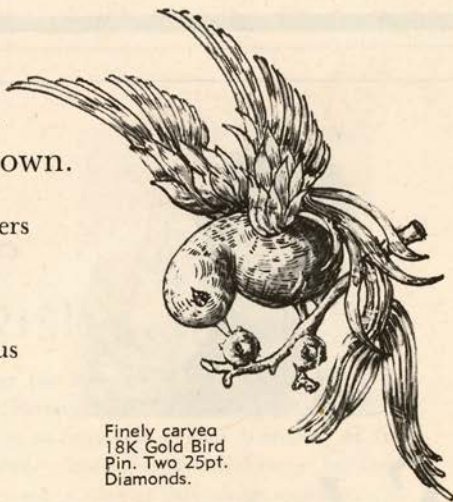
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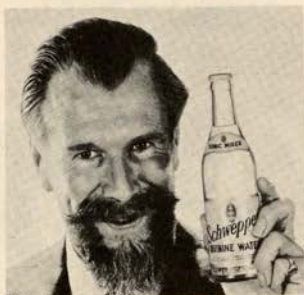
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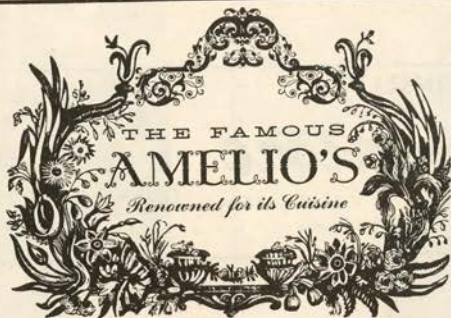
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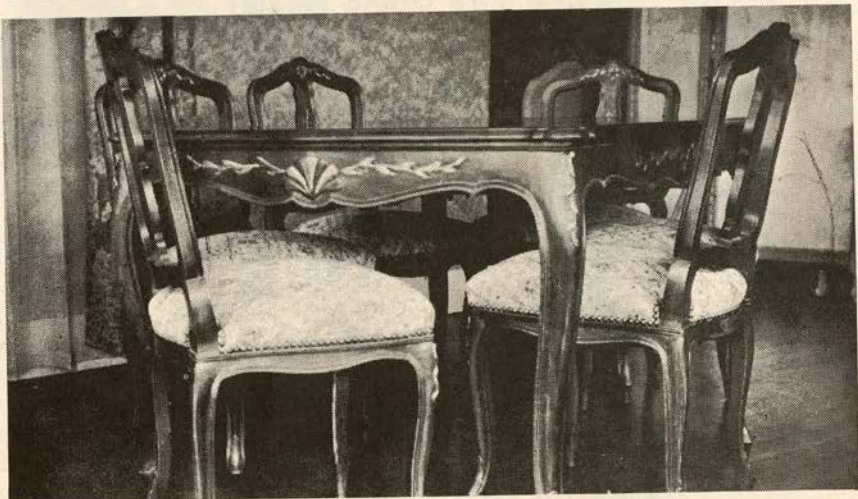
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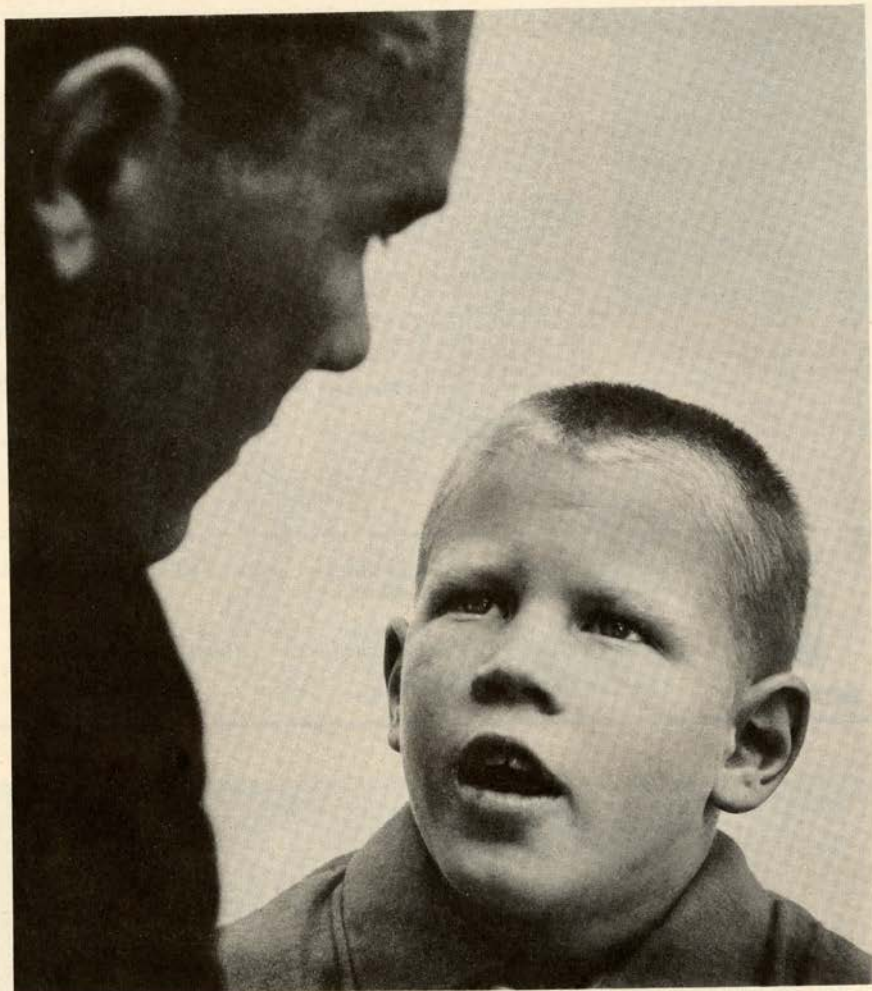
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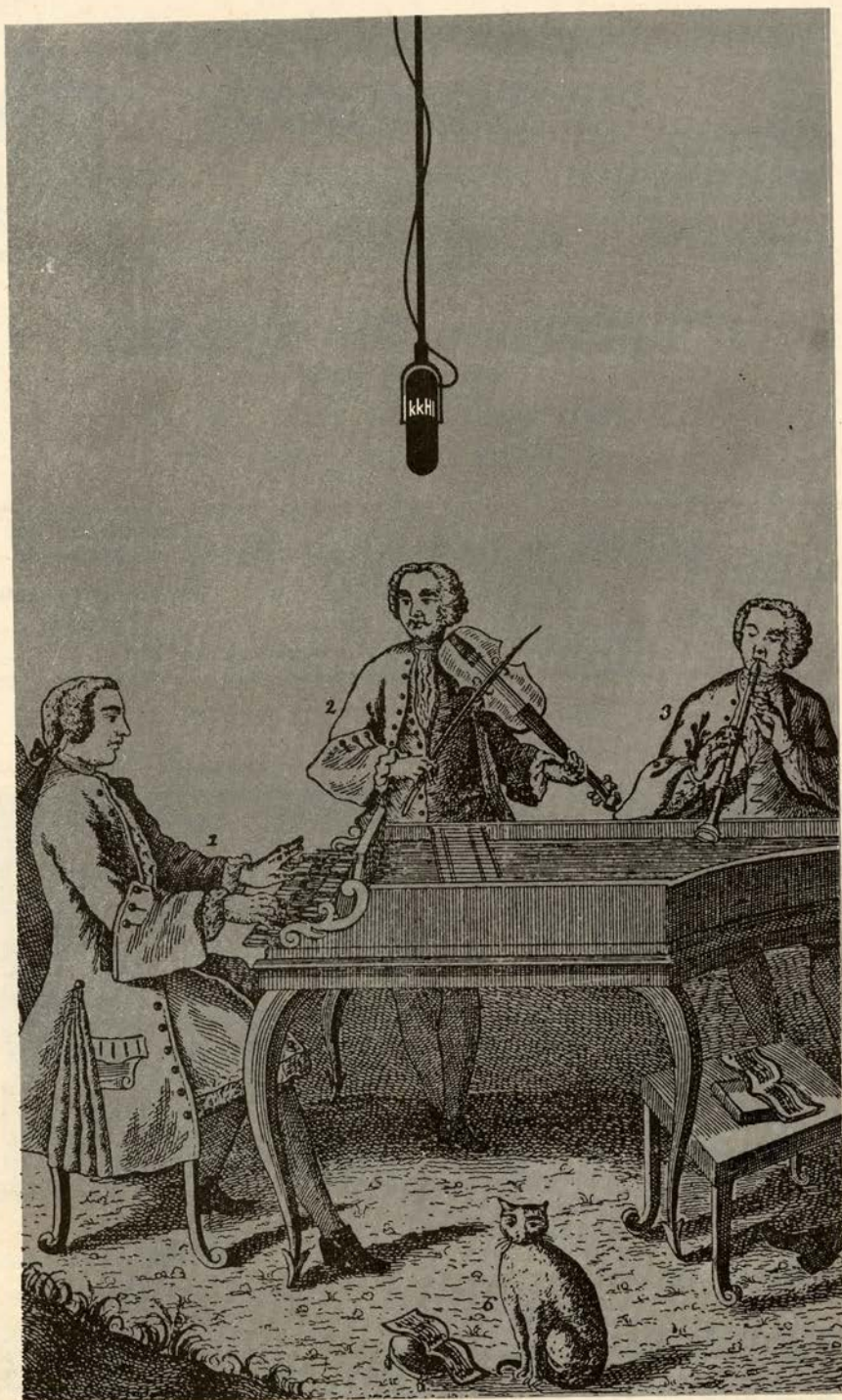
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EXHIBIT of scenery designs, photographs, and background material on "The Queen of Spades", "Capriccio", and "Dialogues of the Carmelites" opens in the music room of San Francisco public library, Larkin at Fulton streets, until the end of the season.

Friday, September 13, 7:45 p.m.

OPERA CURTAIN TIME, KKHI, backstage interviews on all Regular Subscription Series and Thursday Subscription Series evenings begin tonight. Sponsored by the *San Francisco Examiner*.

Monday, September 16, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins

JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "Mefistofele"

Public invited free of charge.

Monday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.

KQED, CHANNEL 9, Invitation to Opera, "Mefistofele".

Monday, September 23, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins

JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "Samson et Dalila".

Public invited free of charge.

Monday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.

KQED, CHANNEL 9, Invitation to Opera, "Falstaff".

Monday, September 30, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins

JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "The Queen of Spades".

Public invited free of charge.

Monday, September 30, 7:30 p.m.

KQED, CHANNEL 9, Invitation to Opera, "The Queen of Spades".

Monday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.

KQED, CHANNEL 9, Invitation to Opera, "La Forza del Destino".

Thursday, October 10

BAYREUTH TODAY, exhibit of forty-five photos of recent Bayreuth productions to be on display in lobbies of the opera house until October 30 in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Richard Wagner.

Monday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.

KQED, CHANNEL 9, Invitation to Opera, "Dialogues of the Carmelites".

Wednesday, October 16, 9:00 p.m.

FOL-DE-ROL CIRCUS, Kezar Pavilion, sponsored by the San Francisco Opera Guild.

Thursday, October 17, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins

JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "Dialogues of the Carmelites".

Public invited free of charge.

Saturday, October 19, 12:00 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO WINE FAIR until midnight and 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, on the Fulton street mall (between Hyde and Larkin streets) at the Civic Center. All proceeds benefit the San Francisco Opera Association.

Sunday, October 20, 2:00 p.m.

HEARST GREEK THEATER, "Falstaff", presented by the University of California in Berkeley.

Monday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

KQED, CHANNEL 9, Invitation to Opera, "Capriccio".

Tuesday, October 22, 8:00 p.m.

GALA PERFORMANCE OF "Dialogues of the Carmelites" in celebration of the Festival of France week.

Wednesday, October 23, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins

JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "Capriccio".

Public invited free of charge.

Monday, October 28, 8:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTO PERFORMANCE, "Tosca", Memorial Auditorium.



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 PRICE, RESNIK, TODD; KONYA, SHAW, TOZZI, HECHT, RIFFEL
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: HAGER
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Saturday Evening, September 14, at 8:30** **LA SONNAMBULA (Bellini)**
 SUTHERLAND, MENEGUZZER, COLE; CIONI, CROSS, HECHT, MANTON
 Conductor: BONYNGE Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Designer: NAGY Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Tuesday Evening, September 17, at 8:30** **LA SONNAMBULA (Bellini)**
 SUTHERLAND, MENEGUZZER, COLE; CIONI, CROSS, HECHT, MANTON
 Conductor: BONYNGE Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Designer: NAGY Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Thursday Evening, September 19, at 8:00** **MEFISTOFELE (Boito)**
 COSTA, MARTIN, COLE; TOZZI, KONYA, FRIED, RIFFEL
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Friday Evening, September 20, at 8:30** **IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA (Rossini)**
 GRIST, CERVENA; PREY, VALLETTI, ESPARZA, VAN DER BILT, CHRISTOPHER, HARVEY,
 MC CAUGHNA, WOELLHAF, ANDERSEN
 Conductor: FERENCNIK Production: RENNERT
 Designers: SIERCKE, COLANGELO
- Saturday Evening, September 21, at 8:00** **AIDA (Verdi)**
 PRICE, RESNIK, TODD; KONYA, SHAW, TOZZI, HECHT, RIFFEL
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: HAGER
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Sunday Afternoon, September 22, at 2:00** **LA SONNAMBULA (Bellini)**
 SUTHERLAND, MENEGUZZER, COLE; CIONI, CROSS, HECHT, MANTON
 Conductor: BONYNGE Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Designer: NAGY Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Tuesday Evening, September 24, at 8:00** **MEFISTOFELE (Boito)**
 COSTA, MARTIN, COLE; TOZZI, KONYA, FRIED, RIFFEL
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Thursday Evening, September 26, at 8:30** **SAMSON ET DALILA (Saint-Saens)**
 WARFIELD, MCCrackEN, HAAS, HECHT, VAN DER BILT, MANTON, RIFFEL, CHRISTOPHER
 Conductor: PRETRE Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Friday Evening, September 27, at 8:30** **TOSCA (Puccini)**
 PRICE, KONYA, SHAW, HECHT, ESPARZA, FRIED, CHRISTOPHER, MCCaUGHNA, HETHCOAT
 Conductor: PRETRE Stage Director: HAGER
- Saturday Evening, September 28, at 8:30** **IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA (Rossini)**
 GRIST, CERVENA; PREY, VALLETTI, ESPARZA, VAN DER BILT, CHRISTOPHER, HARVEY,
 MC CAUGHNA, WOELLHAF, ANDERSEN
 Conductor: FERENCNIK Production: RENNERT
 Designers: SIERCKE, COLANGELO
- Tuesday Evening, October 1, at 8:00** **THE QUEEN OF SPADES (Tchaikovsky)**
 KIRSTEN, RESNIK, MARTIN, TODD; MCCrackEN, SHAW, STEWART, PETERSON, HECHT,
 FRIED, RIFFEL, MCCaUGHNA
 Conductor: LUDWIG Production: HAGER
 Designers: SKALICKI, COLANGELO Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Thursday Evening, October 3, at 8:30** **TOSCA (Puccini)**
 PRICE, KONYA, SHAW, HECHT, ESPARZA, FRIED, CHRISTOPHER, MCCaUGHNA, HETHCOAT
 Conductor: PRETRE Stage Director: HAGER
- Friday Evening, October 4, at 8:30** **LA TRAVIATA (Verdi)**
 COSTA, CERVENA, TODD; CIONI, STEWART, RIFFEL, ESPARZA, CHRISTOPHER,
 VAN DER BILT, GLOVER, MCCaUGHNA, ANDERSEN
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Saturday Evening, October 5, at 8:00** **THE QUEEN OF SPADES (Tchaikovsky)**
 KIRSTEN, RESNIK, MARTIN, TODD; MCCrackEN, SHAW, STEWART, PETERSON, HECHT,
 FRIED, RIFFEL, MCCaUGHNA
 Conductor: LUDWIG Production: HAGER
 Designers: SKALICKI, COLANGELO Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Sunday Afternoon, October 6, at 2:00** **IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA (Rossini)**
 GRIST, CERVENA; PREY, VALLETTI, ESPARZA, VAN DER BILT, CHRISTOPHER, HARVEY,
 MC CAUGHNA, WOELLHAF, ANDERSEN
 Conductor: FERENCNIK Production: RENNERT
 Designers: SIERCKE, COLANGELO
- Tuesday Evening, October 8, at 8:00** **LA FORZA DEL DESTINO (Verdi)**
 PRICE, MARTIN, COLE; MCCrackEN, HAAS, KREPPPEL, ESPARZA, HECHT, FRIED,
 VAN DER BILT, MCCaUGHNA
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Production: HAGER
 Designers: BAUER-ECSY, COLANGELO Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN

- Thursday Evening, October 10, at 8:00** **DIE WALKÜRE (Wagner)**
 SHUARD, ERICSDOTTER, RESNIK, TODD, PARKER, WARDEN, CERVENA, MARTIN, COLE,
 PETERSEN, CHRONIS; VICKERS, WOLOVSKY, KREPPPEL
 Conductor: LUDWIG Designer: KERZ Stage Director: MANSOURI
- Friday Evening, October 11, at 8:30** **SAMSON ET DALILA (Saint-Saens)**
 WARFIELD; MCCrackEN, HAAS, HECHT, VAN DER BILT, MANTON, RIFFEL, CHRISTOPHER
 Conductor: PRÊTRE Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Saturday Evening, October 12, at 8:30** **FALSTAFF (Verdi)**
 COSTA, MENEGUZZER, CERVENA, MARTIN; EVANS, PETERSON, STEWART, FRIED,
 MANTON, VAN DER BILT, HARVEY,
 Conductor: FERENCsik Designer: NAGY Stage Director: HAGER
- Sunday Afternoon, October 13, at 2:00** **TOSCA (Puccini)**
 PRICE; CIONI, HAAS, HECHT, ESPARZA, FRIED, CHRISTOPHER, MCCAUGHNA, HETHCOAT
 Conductor: PRÊTRE Stage Director; HAGER
- Tuesday Evening, October 15, at 8:00** **DIE WALKÜRE (Wagner)**
 SHUARD, ERICSDOTTER, RESNIK, TODD, PARKER, WARDEN, CERVENA, MARTIN, COLE,
 PETERSEN, CHRONIS; VICKERS, WOLOVSKY, KREPPPEL
 Conductor: LUDWIG Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Designer: KERZ
- Thursday Evening, October 17, at 8:30** **LA TRAVIATA (Verdi)**
 COSTA, CERVENA, TODD; CIONI, STEWART, RIFFEL, ESPARZA, CHRISTOPHER,
 VAN DER BILT, GLOVER, MCCAUGHNA, ANDERSEN
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Friday Evening, October 18, at 8:00** **AIDA (Verdi)**
 PRICE, WARFIELD, TODD; MCCrackEN, HAAS, KREPPPEL, HECHT, RIFFEL
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: HAGER
 Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Saturday Evening, October 19, at 8:00** **COSI FAN TUTTE (Mozart)**
 SCHWARZKOPF, VANNI, GRIST; VALLETTI, PREY, WOLOVSKY
 Conductor: FERENCsik Stage Director: HAGER
 Designer: JENKINS
- Tuesday Evening, October 22, at 8:00** **DIALOGUES OF THE CARMELITES**
 VENORA, ERICSDOTTER, GRIST, RESNIK, WARFIELD, TODD, COLE; PETERSON, SHAW, (Poulenc)
 NILSSON, FRIED, VAN DER BILT, CHRISTOPHER, ESPARZA, MCCAUGHNA, ANDERSEN
 Conductor: LUDWIG Stage Director: MANSOURI
 Production and Design: HARRY HORNER
- Thursday Evening, October 24, at 8:00** **LA FORZA DEL DESTINO (Verdi)**
 PRICE, MARTIN, COLE; MCCrackEN, HAAS, KREPPPEL, ESPARZA, HECHT, FRIED,
 VAN DER BILT, MCCAUGHNA
 Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Production: HAGER
 Designers: BAUER-ECSY, COLANGELO Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Friday Evening, October 25, at 8:30** **CAPRICCIO (Strauss)**
 SCHWARZKOPF, CERVENA, MENEGUZZER, GREGORY; VALLETTI, PREY, STEWART, WOLOVSKY,
 PETERSON, FRIED, VAN DER BILT, HECHT, CHRISTOPHER, NILSSON, MANTON,
 RIFFEL, GLOVER, MCCAUGHNA, HARVEY
 Conductor: PRÊTRE Production: HAGER
 Designers: BAUER-ECSY, COLANGELO
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 FRIED, RIFFEL, MCCAUGHNA
 Conductor: LUDWIG Production: HAGER
 Designers: SKALICKI, COLANGELO Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN
- Tuesday Evening, October 29, at 8:00** **COSI FAN TUTTE (Mozart)**
 SCHWARZKOPF, VANNI, GRIST; VALLETTI, PREY, WOLOVSKY
 Conductor: FERENCsik Stage Director: HAGER
 Designer: JENKINS
- Thursday Evening, October 31, at 8:30** **CAPRICCIO (Strauss)**
 SCHWARZKOPF, CERVENA, MENEGUZZER, GREGORY; VALLETTI, PREY, STEWART, WOLOVSKY,
 PETERSON, FRIED, VAN DER BILT, HECHT, CHRISTOPHER, NILSSON, MANTON,
 RIFFEL, GLOVER, MCCAUGHNA, HARVEY
 Conductor: PRÊTRE Production: HAGER
 Designers: BAUER-ECSY, COLANGELO

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