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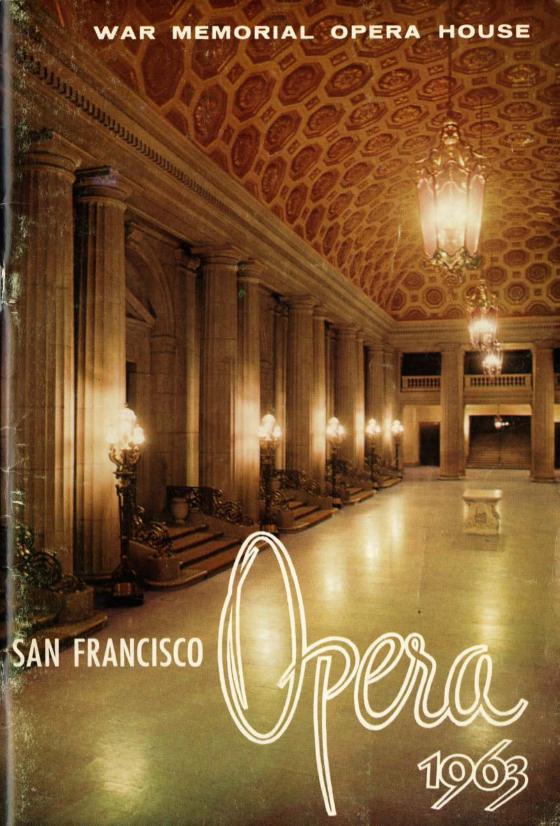
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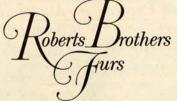


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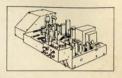
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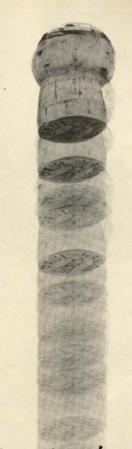
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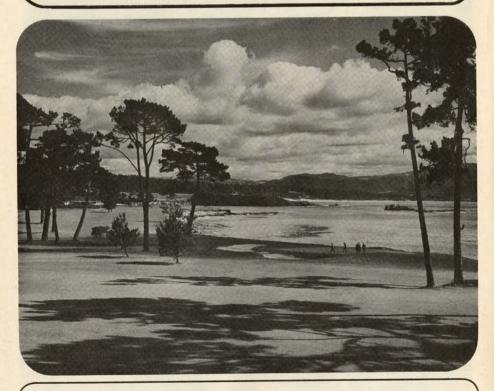
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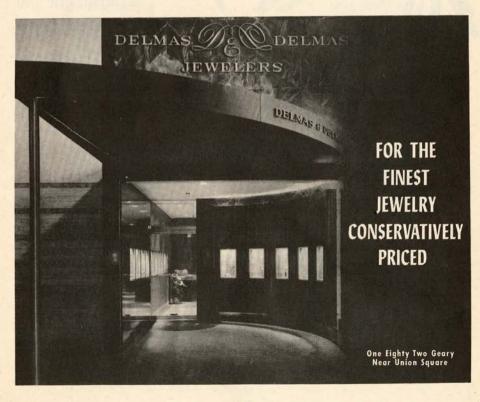
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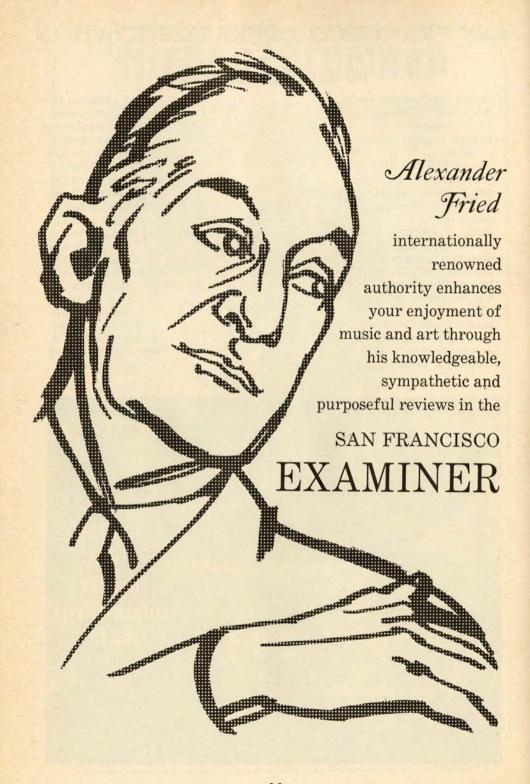
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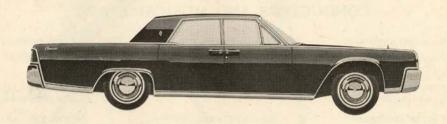
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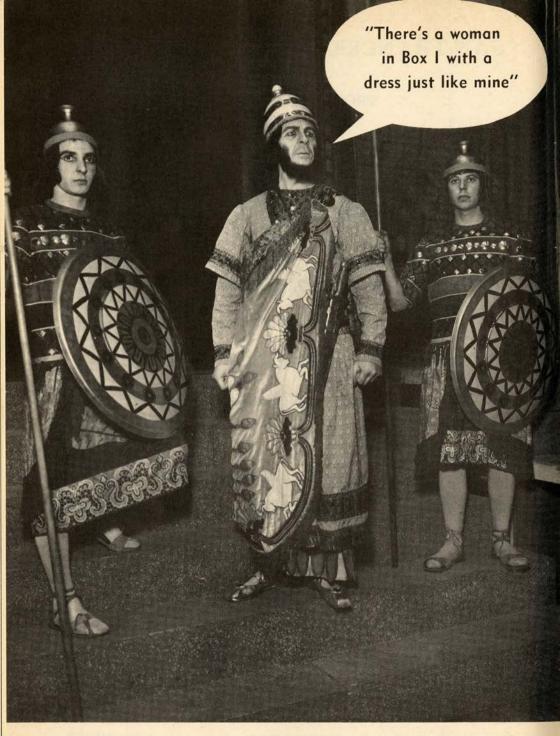
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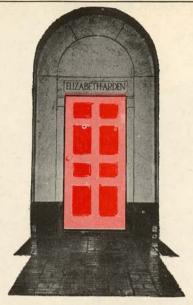
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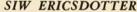
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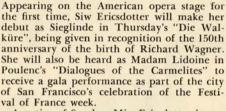
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#### OLGA CHRONIS

The Wisconsin-born mezzo-soprano made her debut here in 1961. She entered the San Francisco Opera Debut Auditions and was asked to participate in the Merola Opera Program, appearing in a performance at the Paul Masson Vineyards. During the past summer she was also a soloist with the San Francisco Symphony under Arthur Fiedler.





A native of Sweden, Miss Ericsdotter began her operatic studies at the Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm, attributing her later successes to her teacher, the famous soprano of the Metropolitan and Bayreuth, Nanny

Larsen-Todsen.

After making her debut at the Royal Opera in Stockholm, she adopted Hamburg as her home opera where her important roles included Santuzza, Tosca, Valentine in "Les Huguenots", "Fidelio", Senta, Elisabeth, Sieglinde, and the Marschallin in "Rosenkava-lier". Her successes led to numerous guest performances at the great German opera houses and in the most important European cities, among them Vienna, Paris, London and in Italy.

Since 1959 Siw Ericsdotter has had a regular guest contract with the German Opera in Berlin and has successfully appeared in the newly-built opera house at Berlin as Kundry, Chrysothemis and Amelia in "Ballo in Maschera." She lives in Stuttgart with her husband who is a conductor of the state opera there, and has sung in the first-night performances there of the newly-set "Lohengrin" (1960), "Tannhauser" (1962), and in March of this year, "Alceste".

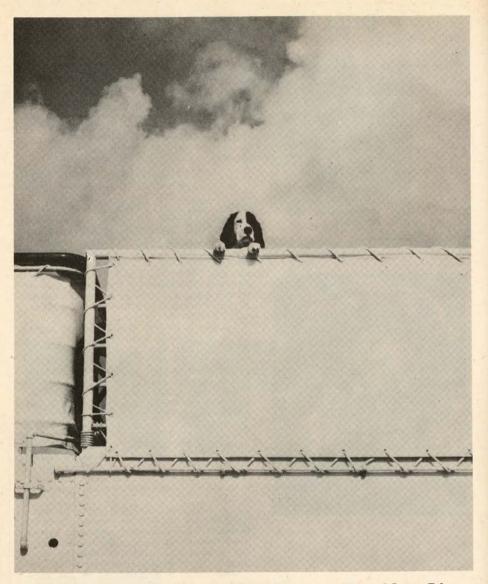




#### ROY GLOVER

The Canadian tenor from Calgary, a winner in the 1963 San Francisco Opera Debut Auditions, also received the James Schwabacher Memorial Award. Roy Glover has the unique distinction of an earlier professional career when he played hockey with the Oakland team. At that time he attended his first opera, a performance of "Carmen" by the San Francisco Opera Company.





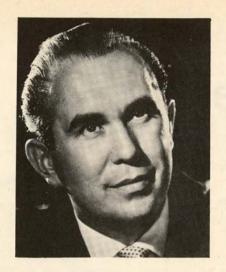
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#### WALTER KREPPEL

Walter Kreppel will sing Padre Guardiano in the new production of Verdi's "La Forza del Destino" being presented Tuesday in observance of the tenth year since the passing of Gaetano Merola, founder of the San Francisco Opera Company. He will also be heard as Hunding in "Die Walküre" and Ramfis in the October 18th "Aida".

Kreppel's singing began as a member of a school chorus in Nürenberg where he was born. At the unusually early age of seventeen, he was admitted to the Berlin hochschule für musik where he prepared for his professional debut in his native city. Three years later, he had become a leading bass at Heidelberg, Düsseldorf, Hannover and Frankfurt. He now spends a greater part of his time travelling for guest engagements in such centers as London, Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Berlin, and in many leading cities of Italy.

Walter Kreppel made his American debut in 1962, in a special guest appearance at the Seattle world fair. Still in his early thirties, this remarkable singing actor is one of the leading basses of Europe. Kreppel's permannent home is in Vienna.

#### JEANNE PARKER

A winner in the 1963 San Francisco Opera Debut Auditions, the former "Miss Minnesota" represented her home city of Seattle. As a member of the 1963 Merola Opera Program, soprano Jeanne Parker appeared in performances at Stern Grove and at the Paul Masson Vineyards.

#### AMY SHUARD

As one of the few great dramatic sopranos, Amy Shuard is very much in demand with bookings until 1965. For her debut with the San Francisco Opera she will appear as Brünnhilde.

Miss Shuard, who has recently made five separate trips to the Vienna Staatsoper for an extended series of performances of "Turandot", has commitments throughout the world, appearing this summer for her second season in Buenos Aires as Leonore in 'II Trovatore'', next winter in "Elektra" in the new production of this work by Herbert von Karajan at both La Scala in Milan and the Vienna Staatsoper, to be repeated later at the June Vienna Festival. Also, she is to perform Brunnhilde in "Die Walküre" at the specific invitation of the composer's son, Wieland Wagner, who will stage the performance at Cologne.

A native of London, the soprano completed her education there and joined the Sadler's Wells Company in 1949. She made her debut at La Scala in the title role of "Turandot" and she made her American debut at the Empire State music festival in New York in the title role of "Katya Kabanova".

A permanent member of London's Covent Garden since 1955, Miss Shuard has sung such roles as "Tosca", Sieglinde, Gutrune, Santuzza, "Turandot" and a highly spectacular success, Lady Macbeth in a performance of Verdi's "Macbeth" conducted by Francesco-Molinari-Pradelli.





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#### GEORGIA WARDEN

An alumnus of Pomona college, soprano Georgia Warden has been the recipient of the UCLA committee of fine arts young artist award and the Redlands Bowl young artist award, and appeared as a finalist in both the San Francisco Opera Debut Auditions and the Metropolitan Opera Auditions. A member of the Riverside Opera company, Miss Warden delighted bay area audiences last summer with her performance of Nina in "Song of Norway" presented by the Oakland Woodminster Light Opera Company.

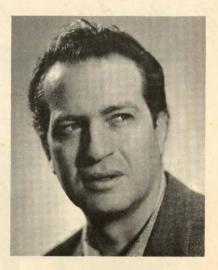
#### LEONARDO WOLOVSKY

San Franciscans will have their first opportunity of hearing the American-born bass-baritone, Leonardo Wolovsky, when he makes his American operatic debut as Wotan this Thursday evening. He will also be heard as Don Alfonso in "Cosi fan Tutte" and as La Roche in Strauss' "Capriccio".

Born in York, Pennsylvania, in 1923, Wolovsky spent six of his student years at Oberlin college, interrupted by service in the U.S. Army, followed by a scholarship in Italy where he gained experience in opera repertoire. Upon his return to this country in 1948, he sang with the Boston symphony under Koussevitsky and in a performance of the Bach B minor mass at Carnegie hall, in New York.

In 1953 Wolovsky was engaged by the State theatre in Wiesbaden, where at twenty-nine years of age, he was described by the press as the "ideal interpreter" of the Flying Dutchman. Other roles included Sarastro, King Henry, Basilio, Julius Caesar and King Philip.

His 1957 engagements at Würnberg and Munich in such roles as Hans Sachs, Wotan in "Die Walküre", Mephistopheles, "Don Giovanni", Abul Hassan in "Barber of Bagdad" and others, led to guest appearances in Hamburg, Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich, Trieste, Florence and Nice.



As the first bass-baritone in Frankfurt since his appointment there by Solti in 1959, Wolovsky's dramatic interpretations have been compared with the great performances of Chaliapin and his recent appearance at the Holland festival in the Hartmann production of the "Flying Dutchman" has received rave notices.

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#### WAGNER AND THE FESTSPIELHAUS

On June 26, 1870, "Die Walküre" was (at last) brought before the public. Up to that time only a few important fragments of this opera had been heard, such as the finale of the first act, and the ride of the Walküres which had been played at Munich and Vienna in 1863 and 1864. Enthusiasts from every corner of Europe attended the Munich performance which was a success in spite of unpleasant predictions; a grand success, to which some timid ventures at hissing during the long scenes of the second act, added a sort of zest. The execution was perfect in every particular. The orchestra also, directed by Franz Wullner, showed itself in perfect training, and played with much spirit. It was increased to one hundred and twenty performers at least, and was placed out of sight of the spectators, according to instructions from Wagner who at last realized a reform which was very dear to him. The mise en scène was very elaborate and very ingeniously conceived, the whole costing the bagatelle of fifty thousand florins.

It was the king (of Bavaria) who paid it; it was the king alone who made possible such an execution of Richard Wagner's works, and yet he was not present at the first performance. He waited for the third; then, in order to enjoy it better, he ordered "Das Rheingold" to be performed for his benefit a few days in advance; one could not have given this infatuated prince too much "music of the future"; on the contrary, he never seemed to get enough.

This plan of executing different portions of the Nibelungen Ring year after year, was far from conforming to Wagner's pet project. To treat them thus as separate and distinct operas, was to class them in the ordinary opera category, whereas it had been Wagner's aim to express in this grand ensemble the antagonism between his artistic tendencies and the existing theatrical institutions; to launch a protestation, almost a challenge, against the condition of the opera-theatres; now, from the moment each fragment of this whole was treated like an ordinary work, there was no longer any protestation or challenge. Thenceforth, Wagner was haunted by a fixed idea: to have a theatre in which he should reign as absolute master, where his work might be executed under conditions adequate and identical with those of its conception.

From 1867, he had been cherishing this idea, and his architect friend, Gottfried Semper, had drawn at that time by order of the king, a plan which was displayed at the Zurich exposition; but this gigantic plan, which took no account of difficulties earthly or otherwise, entailed such ruinous expenses that the king was frightened; his purse would have been emptied by barely a

quarter of the enterprise.

Wagner wrote later with some bitterness, ". . . . Germany, neglectful as usual of the interests of true art, saw in my efforts at that time, as they had done in the past, only the expression of the most extreme personal ambition, and in the institution which I projected, nothing but the extravagant demand for an extraordinary and useless representation of my own works, solely for the gratification of my personal self-love. Thenceforth the achievement of my enterprise was left entirely to myself and my friends."

The corner-stone of the Festspielhaus was laid by Wagner with great ceremony, on the summit of the Bayreuth hill, May 22, 1872, his fifty-ninth birthday. On the same day he received a telegram from King Ludwig: "On this day of such great importance to all Germany, I send you, dear friend, from the depths of my heart, my warmest and most sincere congratulations. Greetings and blessings to this grand enterprise of the coming year. Today, more than ever, I am with you in spirit." Nearly two thousand musicians and singers had come to take part in this ceremony, and had, in a manner, encouraged the composer's illusions in flattering himself that he would be able to bring out his Nibelungen Ring in the spring of 1874. In order to worthily celebrate this great day, Richard Wagner conducted the Beethoven ninth symphony, "the ideal stepping-stone of the national art, which is going to give to the German people the first example of a grand scenic festi-



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The completion of Bayreuth, delayed by lack of funds, was to be effected with the help of Wagner's good friend, King Ludwig, who again came to his rescue, advancing the needed two hundred thousand thalers. Wagner, however, even after this offer from the king, continued to work actively for Bayreuth. A timely propostion from the other side of the atlantic requested Wagner to compose a grand festival march, to be played at the opening of the international exposition at Philadelphia in celebration of the declaration of independence, for a fee of \$5,000. It is needless to say that Wagner accepted. This march is a very brilliant and very noisy composition, intended to be performed only in the open air, and is gallantly dedicated to the ladies' committee of Philadelphia with an epigraph borrowed from Goethe: "He alone deserves freedom and existence who daily conquers them." Wagner thus came into possession of a snug little sum, which as he was always pressed for money, did not come amiss.

After a long period of incubation during which the master had selected from all parts of Germany the artists best adapted to personify his gods and his heroes, after two months of preparatory rehearsals, it was at last possible to fix definitely the dates of the first representation of the four sections of the Ring of the Nibelungen. On the 6th of August (1876) the king of Bavaria arrived at Bayreuth for the purpose of witnessing general rehearsals. On the evening of the 12th, when the little Frankonian town was filled to overflowing with ardent enthusiasts from all parts of the world, or the simply curious attracted by the novelty of the enterprise (the principal contingent, outside of the sevently-three orchestral leaders, was furnished by directors, intendants, actors and other members of the theatrical world), a special train

arrived, bearing the emperor of Germany.

The theatre was built to conform as nearly as possible to the ancient Greek amphitheatre. The parquet accommodates over thirteen hundred people. Just above the last row of seats in the parquet, and extending the entire width of the room is the box of honor, which is designed for sovereigns and princes, and is divided into nine apartments. Over this is another gallery containing two hunderd chairs, so that the entire room will seat about fifteen hundred people. There are no boxes or seats on the sides; nothing but columns in the style of the Renaissance, to break the monotonous aspect of bare walls. Sixteen broad passages, eight on each side, make it possible for the audience and orchestra to leave the theatre in less than two minutes. Little, or no decoration, not a bit of drapery in the room, no chandelier; overhead, some ground-glass globes give just enough light to enable the spectators to reach their places, but which is entirely extinguished when the performance begins. No red curtain; no prompter's box; no footlights visible from the audience-room; in short, a radical suppression of everything suggestive of the conventional theatre, in order to plunge the spectator into the most complete illusion possible.

The three performances of the Ring, beginning on August 13 and ending on August 30th, were a brilliant victory for this genius of the iron will who had persistently followed up his project for twenty-five years, who had realized the impossible, and who gave to the world the astounding spectacle

of his own apotheosis.

A commemorative medal was not deemed sufficient to preserve and transmit to future ages and generations an adequate souvenir of an event so extraordinary and unprecedented as the Bayreuth festivals; it was agreed to perpetuate their memory by a monument of marble and stone, capable of resisting the assaults of time. In a section sheltered from the weather was erected, in a frame of stone, a slab of black marble, on which were engraved in gold letters the names of all the artists who had taken part in the Ring of the Nibelungen in 1876. This commemorative tablet, like the tombstone at Wahnfried, bears no name of the author.

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ALFREDO GERMONT
ANNINA, Violetta's maid
GIUSEPPE, Violetta's servant
GIORGIO GERMONT, Alfredo's fatherTHOMAS STEWART
MESSENGER
MAJORDOMO

Ladies and gentlemen, friends of Violetta and Flora

Solo dancers: VIRGINIA JOHNSON, DAVID ANDERSON

#### Corps de ballet

Chorus Director: VINCENZO GIANNINI

Choreographer: LEW CHRISTENSEN

Costumers: GOLDSTEIN & CO.

TIME AND PLACE: Mid-nineteenth century; Paris and environs

Act I: Drawing-room in Violetta's house

Act II: A villa near Paris

Act III: A room in Flora's house

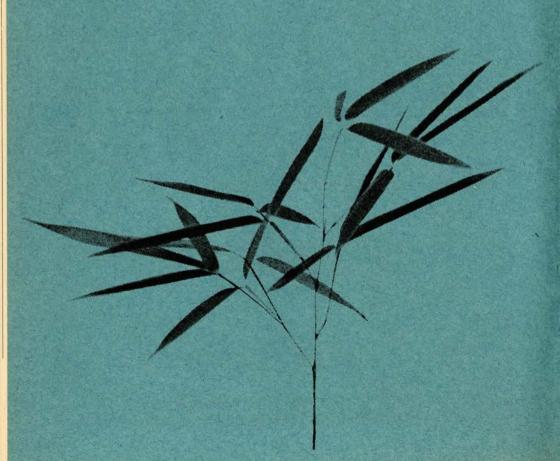
Act IV: Violetta's bed chamber

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#### THE STORY OF "LA TRAVIATA"

ACT I—A party is in progress in the salon of Violetta's home, and Alfredo, who has come with friends, succumbs to the charms and beauty of the hostess. The guests retire to an adjoining room to dance, but Violetta, who is suffering from the early stages of consumption, is prevented from joining them by a severe coughing-spell, and remains on the lounge to recover. Alfredo remains with her, expressing first his solicitation and then his love, which deeply touches Violetta. Later, when the guests have departed, Violetta contemplates this great new love which has come to her.

ACT II—Violetta has deserted her former life and friends, and is living most happily with Alfredo in a small country house near Paris to which they have retired. Alfredo, upon learning from Annina that Violetta has quietly been selling her jewelry to aid in defraying expenses, departs for Paris to get money with which to repay her. Alfredo's father (Germont) arrives and succeeds in persuading Violetta that she must give up Alfredo and their happiness, not only because Alfredo's own career is threatened by this liaison, but also because its continuance will jeopardize the marriage of Alfredo's sister, for whom the father also pleads. As Germont departs, Violetta writes a note of farewell to Alfredo, but he returns before she finishes. She hides the letter and conceals her real feelings. When Alfredo tells her he has heard his father is to visit them, she departs on the pretext of leaving them alone, but sends the letter back by messenger. When Germont arrives he finds his son in despair, and vainly attempts to stir him by recalling memories of his home in "fair Provence."

ACT III—Alfredo returns to Paris seeking Violetta and finds her with her new companion, Baron Douphol, at a ball being held at the palace of her friend Flora. Alfredo, winning heavily at the gaming table, challenges the Baron to a game and adds still further to his winnings. When the guests retire for supper, Violetta returns, followed at her request by Alfredo, whom she implores to leave, fearful of the prospect of a duel between the two men. Alfredo bitterly charges her with falseness, which, remembering the promise to Germont, she does not deny. Alfredo summons the guests and before them all denounces her, throwing at her feet his winnings of the evening. As Violetta faints, Germont arrives seeking his son. He alone knows the tragic significance of the scene, but for the sake of his son and daughter cannot disclose it.

ACT IV—Violetta is now confined to her bed by the ravages of the disease from which she has suffered, and, although the doctor attempts to cheer and reassure her, she knows she has not long to live. She is cheeered by a letter from Germont, who would seek to undo the damage he has done, and writes that Alfredo is returning to seek her pardon. But she feels it will be too late. Alfredo arrivès, and in the great happiness of the moment they plan to leave Paris; but the excitement proves too much, and, as Germont and the doctor arrive, Violetta collapses in her lover's arms.

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Opera in three acts by PETER ILYITCH TCHAIKOVSKY

Text by Modeste Tchaikovsky, based on a story by Pushkin

Translation by Boris Goldovsky

Conductor: LEOPOLD LUDWIG

Production: PAUL HAGER

Designers: WOLFRAM SKALICKI, THOMAS L. COLANGELO, IR.

HERMANN, a young officer	JAMES McCRACKEN
TOMSKY, an officer	JOHN SHAW
PRINCE YELETSKY	
TCHEKALINSKY   officers	GLADE PETERSON
SOURIN	JOSHUA HECHT
LISA, the Countess' granddaughter	
THE COUNTESS	
PAULINE Lisa's friends	J JANIS MARTIN
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	RICHARD RIFFEL
MAIDSGAIL	PEPI NENOVA, JEANINE LIAGRE,
GAIL	LEUNARD, DOLORES SAN MIGUEL
TCHAPLITSKY   officers	HOWARD FRIED
NARUMOFF	DANIEL McCAUGHNA

Officers, servants, guests, gamblers
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Corps de Ballet

Chorus Director: VINCENZO GIANNINI

Choreographer: LEW CHRISTENSEN

Costumers: GOLDSTEIN & CO.

TIME AND PLACE: Early nineteenth century; St. Petersburg, Russia

Act I: Scene 1: A garden at night

Scene 2: Lisa's room

Act II: Scene 1: A large reception room Scene 2: The Countess' bedroom

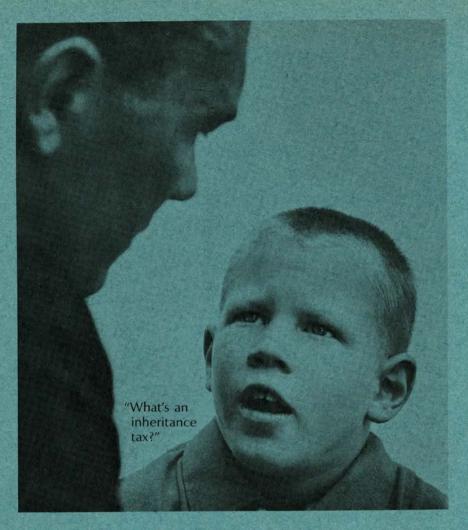
Act III: Scene 1: Hermann's quarters in the barracks

Scene 2: By the river

Scene 3: The gambling house

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#### THE STORY OF "THE QUEEN OF SPADES"

"The Queen of Spades" (Pique Dame) was first produced at St. Petersburg December 19, 1890, three years before the composer's death, and for the first time in this country in 1910. Tchaikovsky was greatly interested in Pushkin's compelling story of the Queen of Spades and composed the opera with tremendous enthusiasm. The libretto was written by the composer's brother, Modeste Ilyitch Tchaikovsky. The somber prelude, suggesting a "fate" motive, reflects the atmosphere of the title, deriving from the superstition among card-readers and fortune-tellers that the Queen of Spades bodes ill, signifying evil intent by some one towards the subject of the fortune.

ACT I — Scene 1 — St. Petersburg. Hermann, a poor young officer whose fascination with the gambling table is remarked among his friends, admits to Tomsky that he is in love with a beautiful woman whom he has never met; that she is proud and highborn and he does not dare approach her. Prince Yeletsky appears and is congratulated on his coming marriage to Lisa, granddaughter of the Countess. The two women pass by, startled at seeing the mysterious stranger whom they have noticed lingering by their house. As Lisa and the Prince walk away arm-in-arm, Hermann mutters that unseen disaster will

soon blast the Prince's happiness like a bolt of lightning.

Tomsky tells the story of the Countess who had been a famous beauty at the court of Louis XVI at Versailles and, infatuated with gambling, had lost her fortune. Taking advantage of her desperate circumstances, the Count St. Germain, thought by some to be the devil in disguise, had offered her in exchange for one rendez-vous the secret of three winning cards. She later passed the secret to her husband and to a young lover. The ghost of St. Germain appeared before the Countess to warn her that she would die when approached a third time by "one burning with passion" who would force her to tell her secret.

Tomsky and his friends leave, and Hermann, alone in the gathering storm, gives way to anger and jealousy. Shouting to the elements, he repeats the devil's warning and swears

he will have Lisa.

Scene 2 - Lisa's room. It is late at night. The melancholy Lisa does not respond to the efforts of her friend, Pauline, to cheer her. Mascha, Lisa's companion, bustles in to scold the girls and to order them to bed. Alone, Lisa confides to the night her love for the mysterious stranger. She is startled by Hermann who comes through the window. He implores her to let him speak and passionately declares his love. Hearing a knock at the door, Lisa quickly hides Hermann as the Countess enters. She reprimands Lisa for not being asleep and sweeps from the room. Hermann renews his entreaties for Lisa's love and refuses to

leave her. Overcome by her emotions, she falls into his embrace

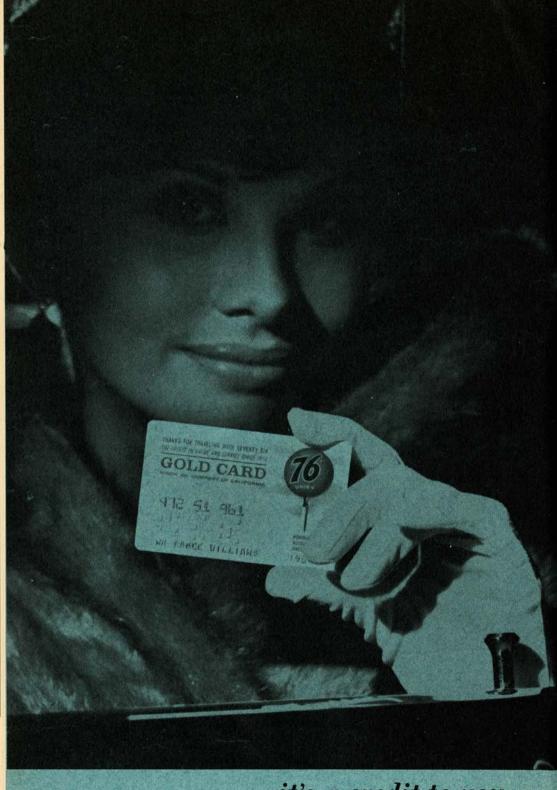
ACT II — Scene 1 — At an engagement reception for Lisa and Prince Yeletsky, Hermann receives a note from Lisa asking him to meet her. From their hiding place, Hermann's friends taunt him with his obsession for the secret of the three cards. Fearing that he has heard the ghostly voice of fate, Hermann leaps to his feet in terror and distractedly rushes away. Lisa and the Prince pass by as he expresses his concern for her strange uneasiness and promises to protect her. As the guests again mingle, Lisa meets Hermann and gives him the key to a secret door which leads through the Countess's apartment to her room. Exulting over the fact that he will at last learn the secret of the three cards, he hurries away. Scene 2 — In the Countess's room, Hermann conceals himself when he hears the Countess entering with servants. He remains hidden until she has at last dismissed the servants and fallen asleep. As he stands before her, she wakes with a start and stares at him in terror. He implores her to reveal the secret. She remains silent and, goaded to fury, he commands her at pistol point. When she does not speak, he gradually realizes with horror that she is dead. Lisa suddenly comes through the secret door as Hermann cries out that the secret of the three cards is lost forever. Lisa brands him a scoundrel and orders him to leave.

ACT III — Scene 1 — Hermann's quarters in the barracks. Hermann reads a letter from Lisa in which she writes that she is certain he did not intentionally kill the Countess, begging forgiveness and asking that he meet her by the river at midnight. The hapless Hermann bemoans his misery and tries to sleep. In a half-dream he sees again the funeral of the Countess. Suddenly the ghost of the Countess appears and tells Hermann the secret. Three! Seven! Ace! Hermann dances around the room shouting the secret combination.

Scene 2 — Lisa anxiously waits for Hermann on the river embankment. At last he appears and tells her about the visit by the ghost of the Countess. He raves that nothing matters now-he knows the secret of the three cards and destiny will have its way. Lisa tries to calm him but, completely out of his mind, Hermann no longer recognizes her. Roughly pushing her aside, he runs away like a madman. Crazed by anguish, Lisa hurls herself into

Scene 3 — The gambling house. Hermann is winning steadily with the aid of the secret. The other gamblers withdraw from the game, leaving only Prince Yeletsky who dares to challenge the winner. Hermann stakes all he has won on one card, and turns the Queen of Spades instead of an ace. The ghost of the Countess, young and beautiful as she once had been, appears to remind Hermann of his date with Destiny. Mad with fear and

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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.

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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.

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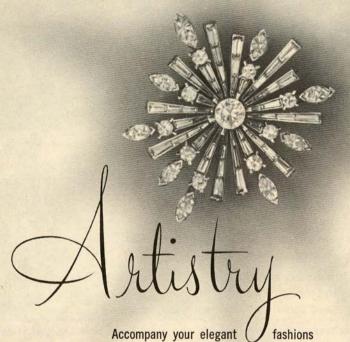
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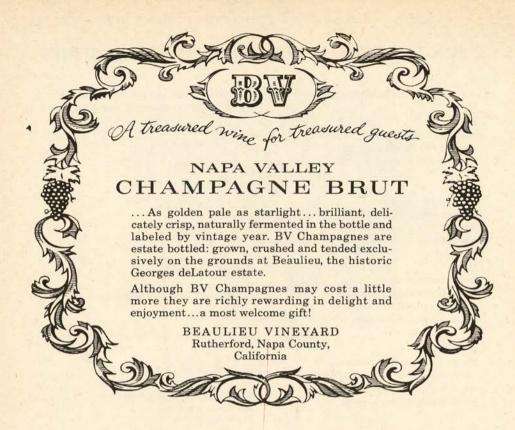
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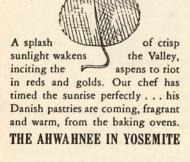
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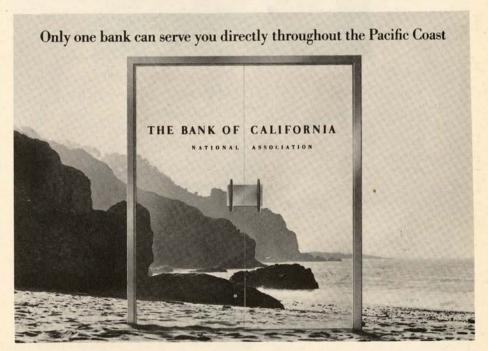


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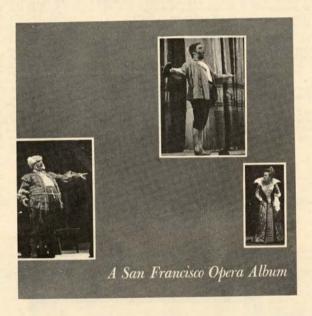
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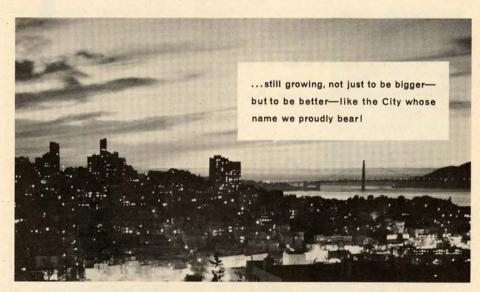
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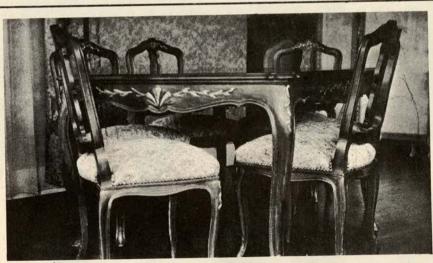


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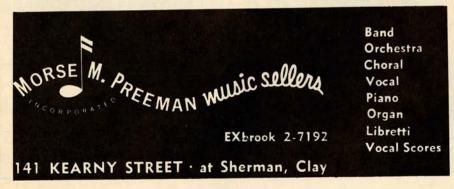
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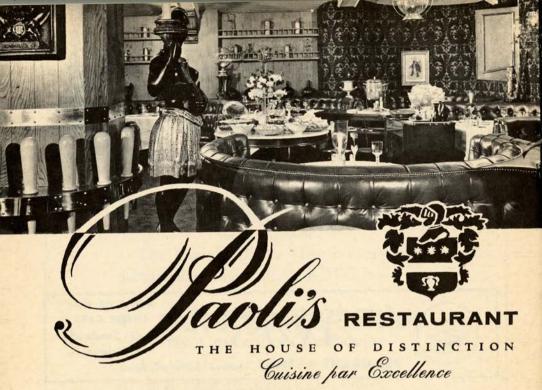
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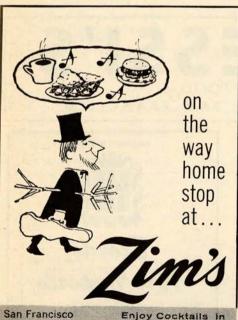
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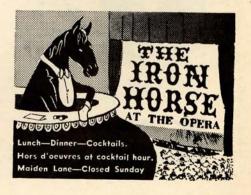
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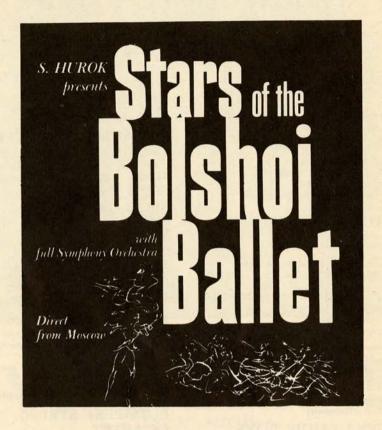
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Monday, September 23, 7:30 p.m. KQED, CHANNEL 9, Invitation to Opera, "Falstaff".

Monday, September 30, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins
JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "The Queen of Spades".

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Monday, October 7, 7:30 p.m. KQED, CHANNEL 9, Invitation to Opera, "La Forza del Destino".

Thursday, October 10
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Thursday, October 17, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins
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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
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Monday, October 28, 8:00 p.m. SACRAMENTO PERFORMANCE, "Tosca", Memorial Auditorium.



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Tuesday Evening, September 17, at 8:30 LA SC SUTHERLAND, MENEGUZZER, COLE; CIONI, CROSS, HECHT, MANTON Stage Director: MANSOURI Conductor: BONYNGE Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN Designer: NAGY MEFISTOFELE (Boito)

Thursday Evening, September 19, at 8:00 COSTA, MARTIN, COLE; TOZZI, KONYA, FRIED, RIFFEL Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN

IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA (Rossini) Friday Evening, September 20, at 8:30.

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Saturday Evening, September 21, at 8:00 PRICE, RESNIK, TODD; KONYA, SHAW, TOZZI, HECHT, RIFFEL

Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN

LA SONNAMBULA (Bellini) Sunday Afternoon, September 22, at 2:00 LA SC SUTHERLAND, MENEGUZZER, COLE; CIONI, CROSS, HECHT, MANTON Stage Director: MANSOURI

Conductor: BONYNGE Designer: NAGY

Tuesday Evening, September 24, at 8:00 COSTA, MARTIN, COLE; TOZZI, KONYA, FRIED, RIFFEL Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN

..... SAMSON ET DALILA (Saint-Saens) Thursday Evening, September 26, at 8:30 SAMSON ET DALILA (Saint-WARFIELD; MCCRACKEN, HAAS, HECHT, VAN DER BILT, MANTON, RIFFEL, CHRISTOPHER Stage Director: MANSOURI Conductor: PRETRE

Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN Evening, September 27, at 8:30. TOSCA (Puccini)
PRICE; KONYA, SHAW, HECHT, ESPARZA, FRIED, CHRISTOPHER, MCCAUGHNA, HETHCOAT Friday Evening, September 27, at 8:30 Stage Director: HAGER Conductor: PRETRE

Saturday Evening, September 28, at 8:30. IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA (Rossini)
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LA TRAVIATA (Verdi) Friday Evening, October 4, at 8:30 COSTA, CERVENA, TODD; CIONI, STEWART, RIFFEL, ESPARZA, CHRISTOPHER,

VAN DER BILT, GLOVER, MCCAUGHNA, ANDERSEN

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PRICE, MARTIN, COLE; MCCRACKEN, HAAS, KREPPEL, ESPARZA, HECHT, FRIED, LA FORZA DEL DESTINO (Verdi)

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Thursday Evening, October 10, at 8:00 DIE WALKURE SHUARD, ERICSDOTTER, RESNIK, TODD, PARKER, WARDEN, CERVENA, MARTIN, COLE, DIE WALKURE (Wagner) PETERSEN, CHRONIS; VICKERS, WOLOVSKY, KREPPEL Conductor: LUDWIG Stage Director: MANSOURI Designer: KERZ 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 Stage Director: HAGER Designer: NAGY Sunday Afternoon, October 13, at 2:00 TOSCA (Puccini) PRICE; CIONI, HAAS, HECHT, ESPARZA, FRIED, CHRISTOPHER, MCCAUGHNA, HETHCOAT Conductor: PRETRE Stage Director; HAGER Tuesday Evening, October 15, at 8:00. DIE WALKÜRE SHUARD, ERICSDOTTER, RESNIK, TODD, PARKER, WARDEN, CERVENA, MARTIN, COLE, DIE WALKURE (Wagner) PETERSEN, CHRONIS; VICKERS, WOLOVSKY, KREPPEL Conductor: LUDWIG Stage Director: MANSOURI Designer: KERZ Thursday Evening, October 17, at 8:30 LA TRACCOSTA, CERVENA, TODD; CIONI, STEWART, RIFFEL, ESPARZA, CHRISTOPHER, LA TRAVIATA (Verdi) VAN DER BILT, GLOVER, MCCAUGHNA, ANDERSEN Conductor: MOLANARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: MANSOURI Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN Friday Evening, October 18, at 8:00 AIDA (Verdi) PRICE, WARFIELD, TODD; MCCRACKEN, HAAS, KREPPEL, HECHT, RIFFEL Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: HAGER Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN COSI FAN TUTTE (Mozart) Saturday Evening, October 19, at 8:00 SCHWARZKOPF, VANNI, GRIST; VALLETTI, PREY, WOLOVSKY Conductor: FERENCSIK Stage Director: HAGER Designer: JENKINS DIALOGUES OF THE CARMELITES Tuesday Evening, October 22, at 8:00. 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 LA FORZA DEL DESTINO (Verdi) Thursday Evening, October 24, at 8:00. PRICE, MARTIN, COLE; MCCRACKEN, HAAS, KREPPEL, ESPARZA, HECHT, FRIED, VAN DER BILT, MCCAUGHNA Production: HAGER Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Designers: BAUER-ECSY, COLANGELO Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN CAPRICCIO (Strauss) Friday Evening, October 25, at 8:30 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

DIALOGUES OF THE CARMELITES Saturday Evening, October 26, at 8:00 VENORA, ERICSDOTTER, GRIST, RESNIK, WARFIELD, TODD, COLE; PETERSON, SHAW, NILSSON, FRIED, VAN DER BILT, CHRISTOPHER, ESPARZA, MCCAUGHNA, ANDERSEN Conductor: LUDWIG Stage Director: MANSOURI

Production and Design: HARRY HORNER Sunday Afternoon, October 27, at 2:00 THE QUEEN OF SPADES (Tchaikovsky) KIRSTEN, RESNIK, MARTIN, TODD; MCCRACKEN, SHAW, STEWART, PETERSON, HECHT,

FRIED, RIFFEL, MCCAUGHNA

Conductor: LUDWIG

Production: HAGER Choreographer: CHRISTENSEN Designers: SKALICKI, COLANGELO

COSI FAN TUTTE (Mozart) Tuesday Evening, October 29, at 8:00 SCHWARZKOPF, VANNI, GRIST; VALLETTI, PREY, WOLOVSKY Stage Director: HAGER

Conductor: FERENCSIK

Designer: JENKINS CAPRICCIO (Strauss) Thursday Evening, October 31, at 8:30 SCHWARZKOPF, CERVENA, MENEGUZZER, GREGORY; VALLETTI, PREY, STEWART, WOLOVSKY, PETERSON, FRIED, VAN DER BILT, HECHT, CHRISTOPHER, NILSSON, MANTON, RIFFEL, GLOVER, MCCAUGHNA, HARVEY

Production: HAGER Conductor: PRETRE

Designers: BAUER-ECSY, COLANGELO Dates, Casts, and Operas Subject to Change

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ANNINA, Violetta's maid	CAROL TODD
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TIME AND PLACE: Mid-nineteenth century; Paris and environs

Act I: Drawing-room in Violetta's house

Act II: A villa near Paris

Act III: A room in Flora's house

Act IV: Violetta's bed chamber

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