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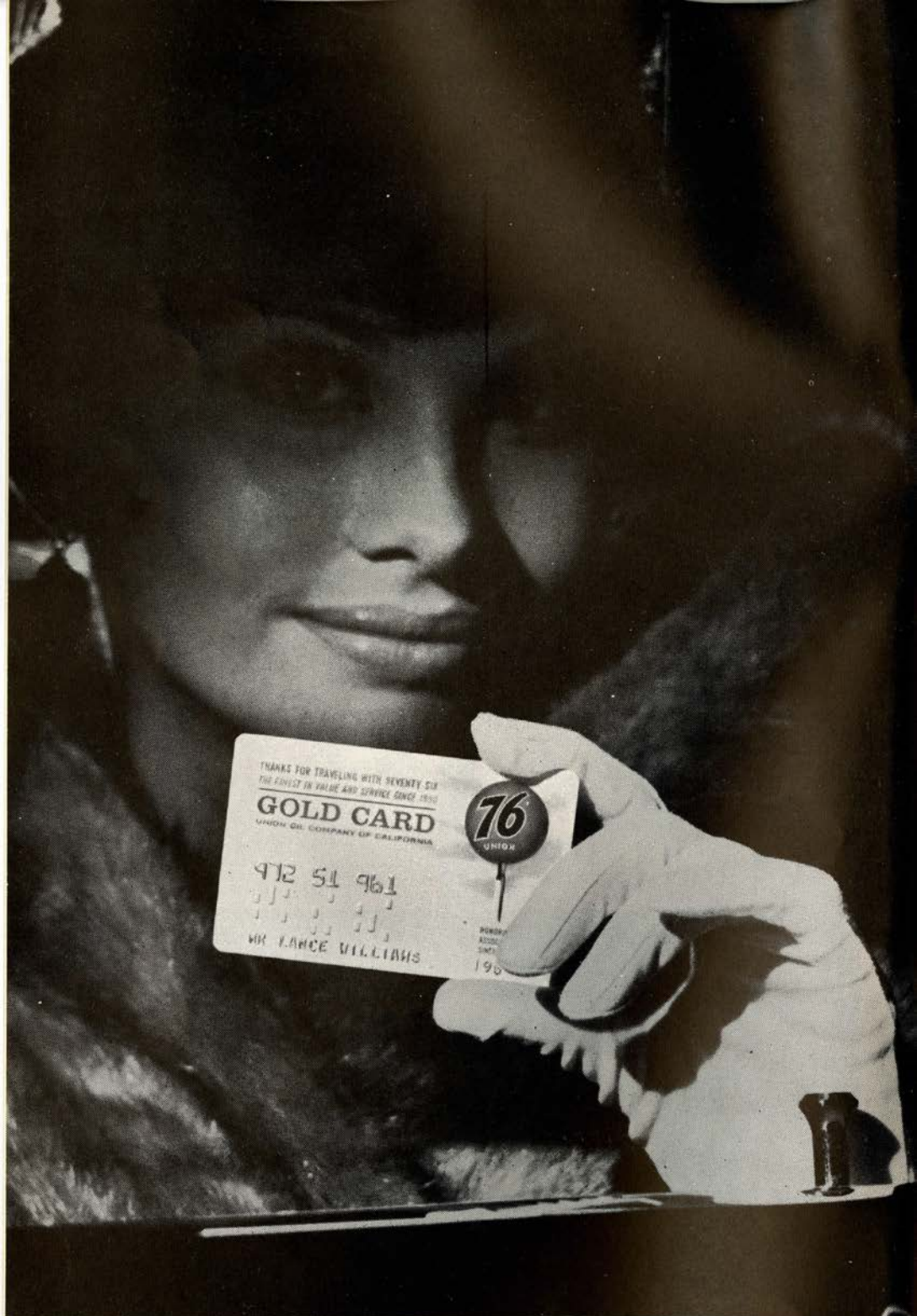
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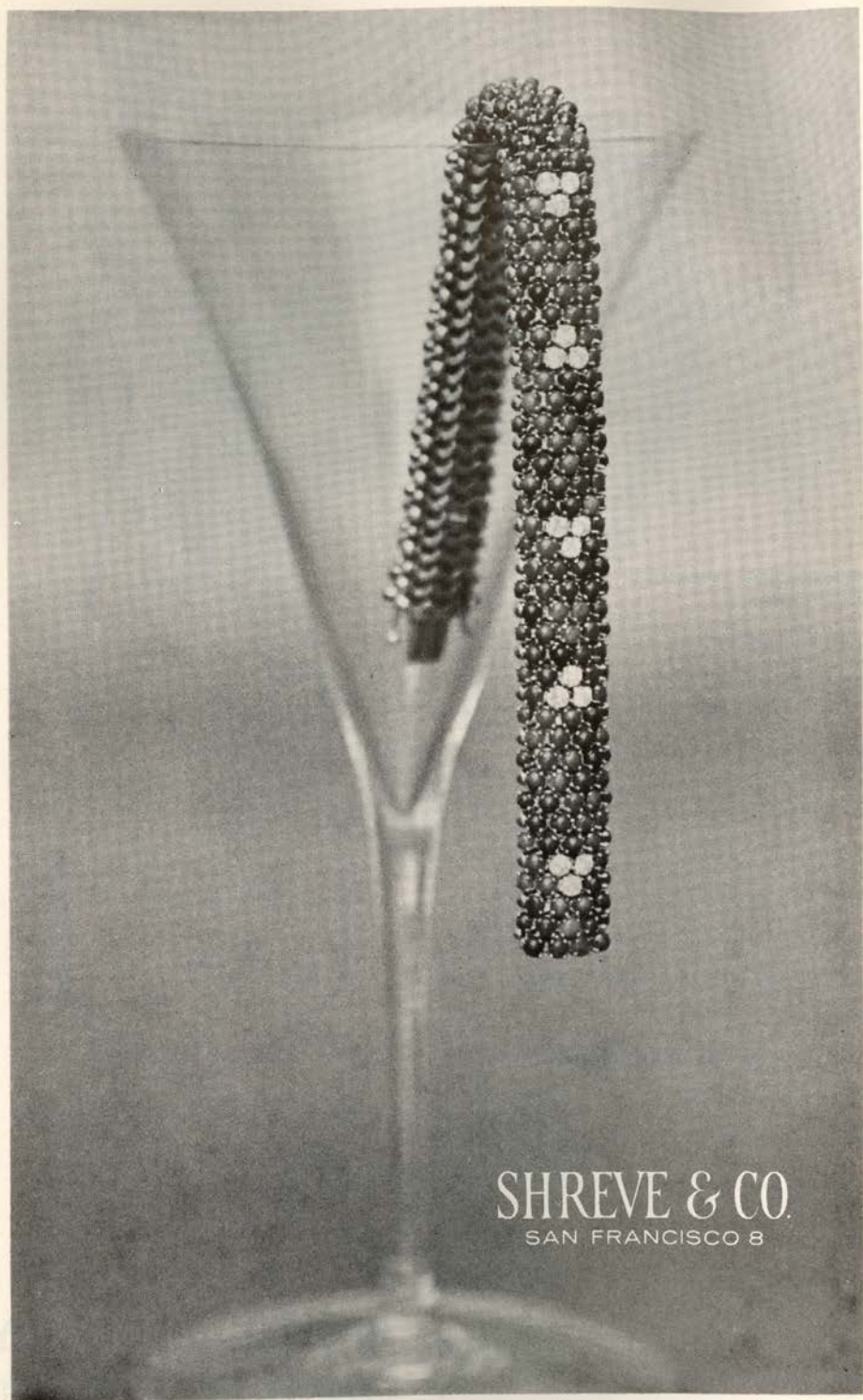
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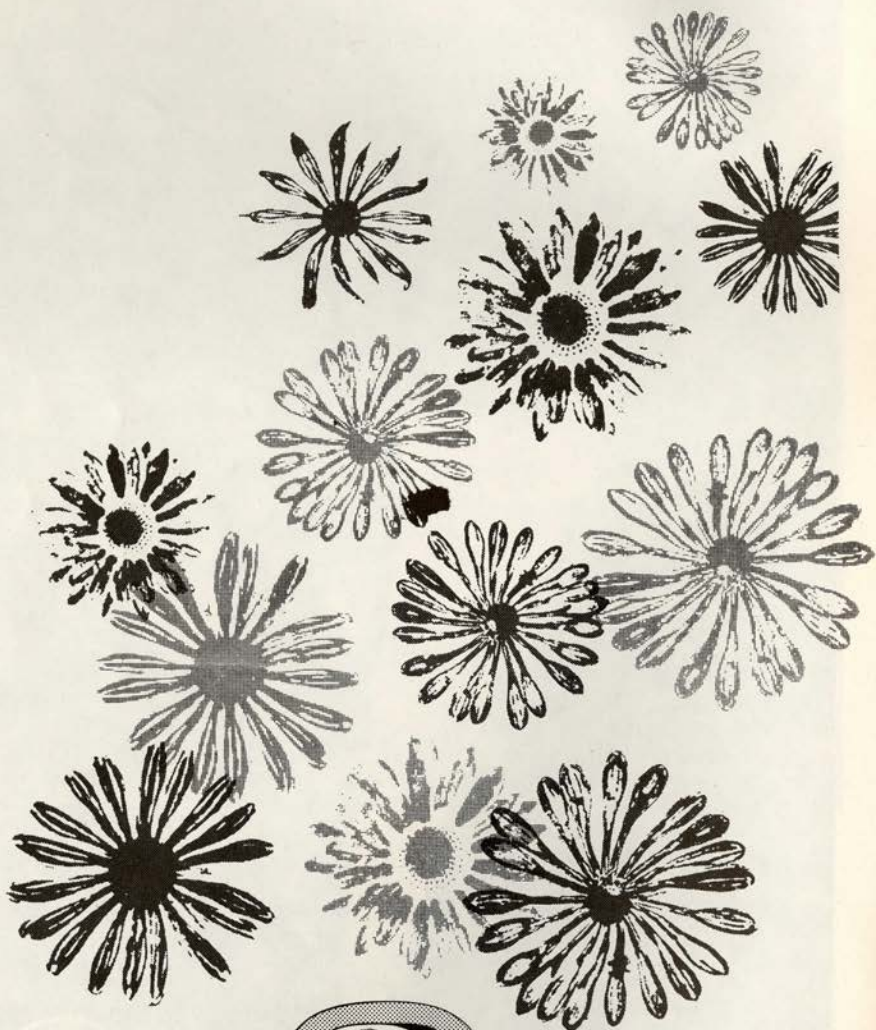


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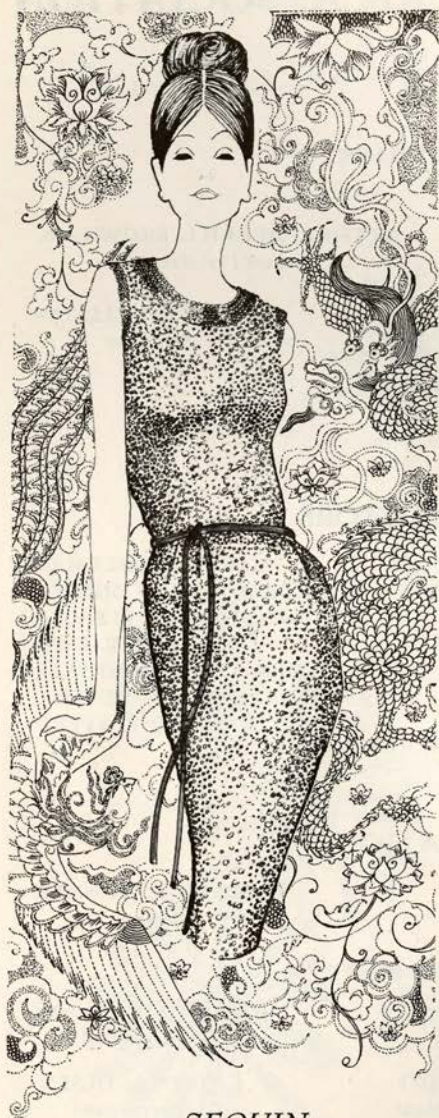
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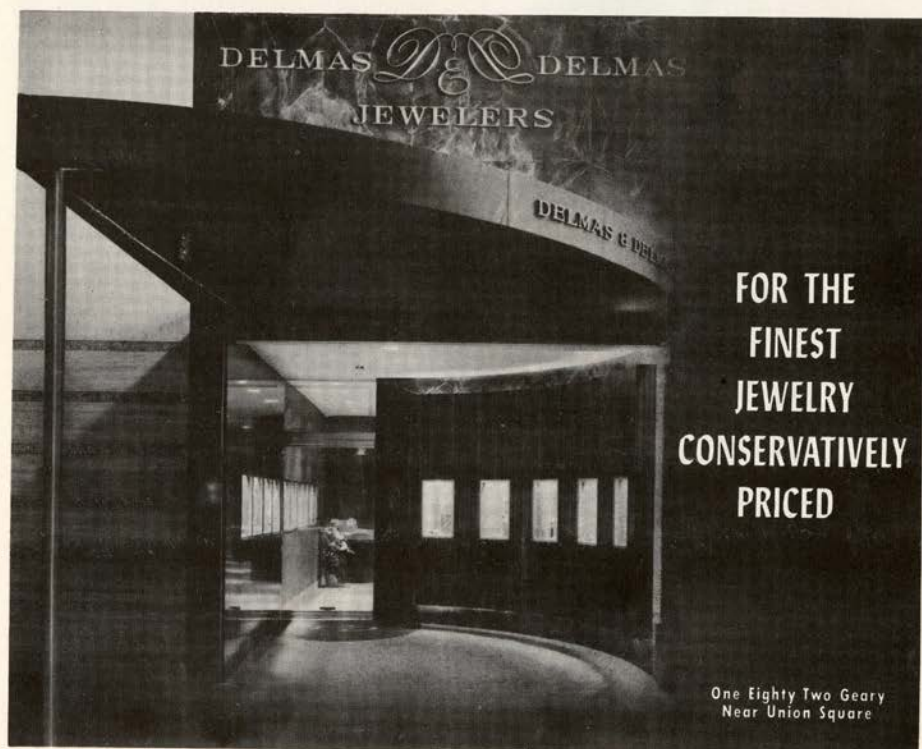
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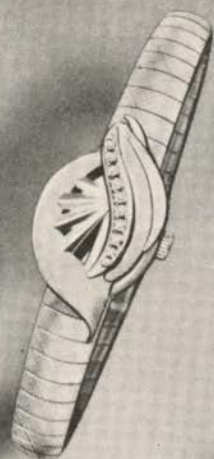
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 PETERSEN; MARTELL, WAECHTER, HECHT, MONTAL, FOLDI, MENCI,
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FLAGSTAD REMEMBERED

By S. Dale Harris

It is now twelve years since Kirsten Flagstad bade farewell to the American operatic stage with "Alceste" at the Metropolitan. During these years the lyric theater in this country has seen many changes, especially in the composition of the standard repertory: some formerly-popular works like "Mignon" have disappeared, seemingly for good; whereas Bellini, Donizetti and early Verdi have been reinstated; and the Wagner operas, after suffering a brief eclipse, are once more back in public favor. This latter restoration has come about, however, only because worthy successors have at last been found for what one might call "the Flagstad roles"—and, indeed, a whole generation of opera-goers thought of them in just that way. For, particularly as Brunnhild and Isolde, Kirsten Flagstad set such standards of purely vocal excellence that the public tended to be impatient of artists less richly-endowed in that respect. It was she, moreover, who almost single-handedly gave "The Ring" and "Tristan" a popularity the like of which they had not enjoyed since the early years of the century. The result was that these works became identified in the public's mind with her particular gifts. During the years of her ascendancy, in fact, it hardly seemed possible to conceive of her roles being done in any other way.



Kirsten Flagstad in "Die Walkure" as Sieglinde (left) and Bruennhilde.

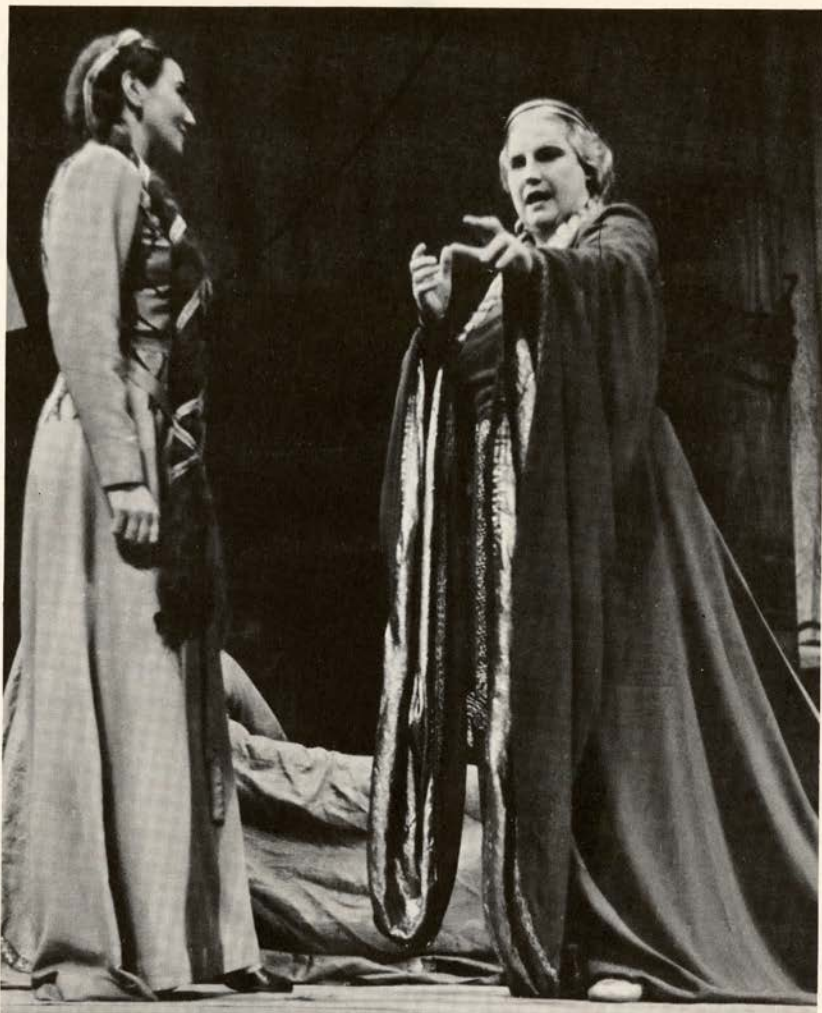
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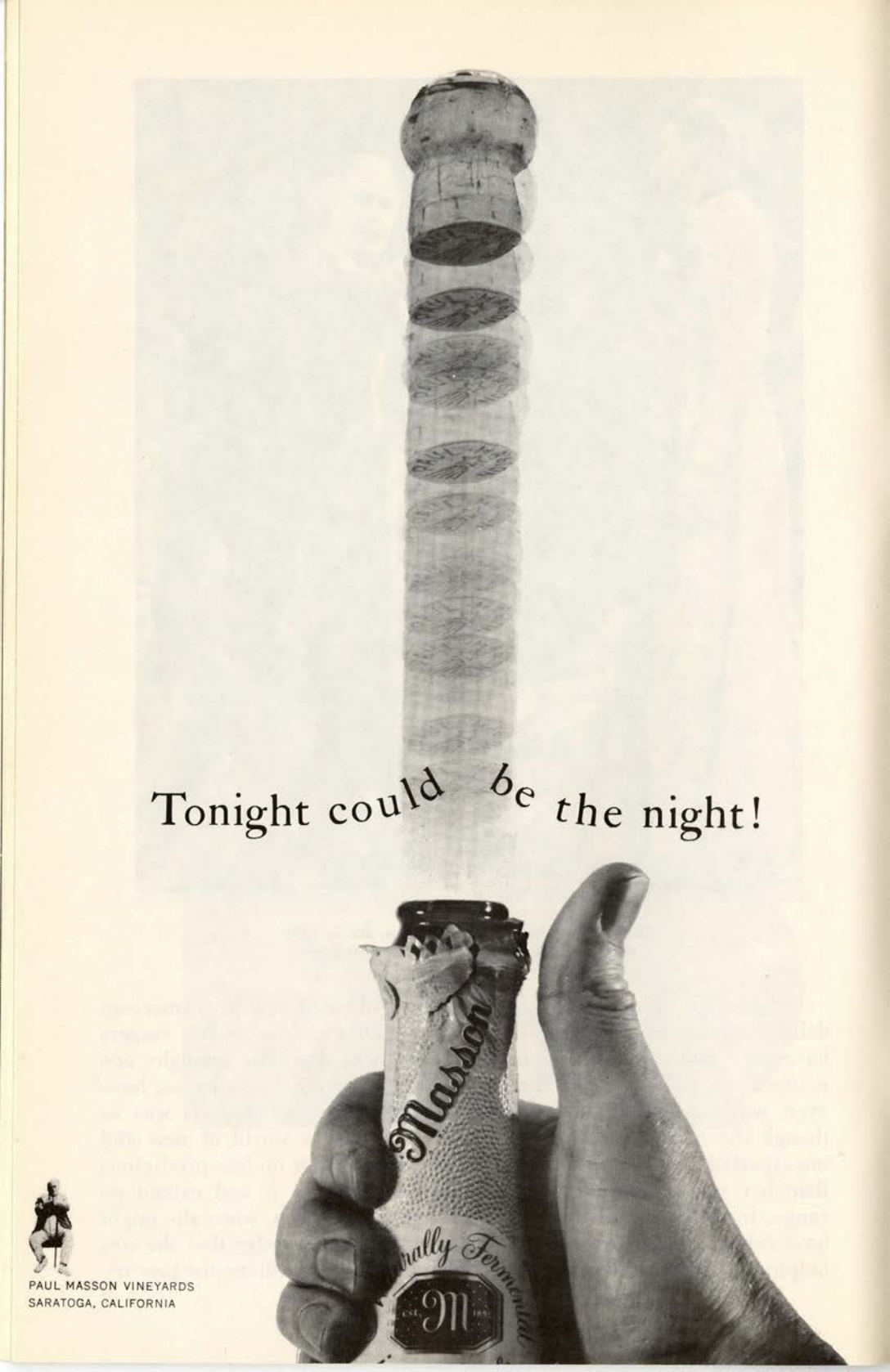
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**"Tristan und Isolde" in San Francisco in 1949
with Blanche Thebom (left) as Brangäne.**

On the famous afternoon in February, 1935 that saw her American debut Flagstad captured the imagination of the public as few singers have ever done. The occasion, of course, was dramatic enough: one moment she was unknown, the next she was famous. Her success, however, was not merely instantaneous, it was overwhelming. It was as though she had suddenly revealed to the public a world of new and unsuspected possibilities for musical experience. But no less prodigious than her success was her determination to deserve it and extend its range. In the course of her initial Metropolitan season, when she might have relaxed, might have been content with the knowledge that she was helping to shore up the entire edifice of grand opera during the precari-



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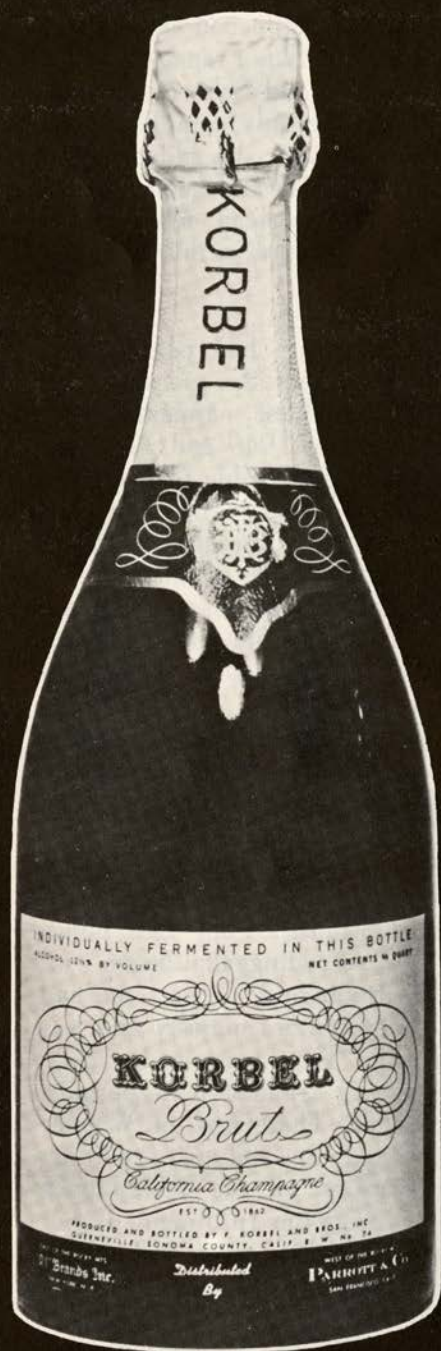


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ous days of the Depression, she learned and sang for the first time the roles of Brunnhilde (in "Götterdämmerung") and Kundry. At one stroke Wagner's fortunes were restored. The same thing happened again when later in 1935 she made her first appearance in San Francisco. With Flagstad to join to the great gifts of Melchior and Schorr, Gaetano Merola was able to offer what has remained the only complete Ring cycle in the company's history. In the following year she added Isolde to her San Francisco accomplishments, in 1937 Elsa and Leonora, and in 1939 she sang Sieglinde (the role of her American debut and a favorite of hers), alternating with Marjorie Lawrence in this part and that of Brunnhilde.

When Kirsten Flagstad next returned ten years had passed. San Francisco was privileged to sponsor her re-entry upon the operatic stage of this country. She had already made a triumphant reappearance at Covent Garden the year before. In the seasons of 1949 and 1950 she sang here the "Walkure" Brunnhilde, Kundry and Isolde with all her old radiance and a new tenderness besides. Maturity had lent her characterizations a deeper insight, a more human vulnerability. In the old days there had been scattered complaints about the coldness of her vocal infallibility. Now, even though her vocal mastery was unimpaired, the complaints were heard no more. It was impossible not to be profoundly moved by her supplication to Wotan, such colors and shades and feelings had she newly discovered in the music of "Walkure." At the same time the political controversy that surrounded her return to this country disappeared. In the following season she sang again at the Metropolitan, and once more repossessed the world of heroic opera.

It is tempting to think of these post-war years as the crown of Flagstad's career: "Alceste"; performances of *The Ring* under Furtwaengler; the world premiere of Richard Strauss's *Four Last Songs* under the same conductor; the great series of recordings that began with her Isolde and ended with Fricka in "Das Rheingold," a part she had never done before and in which she discovered more majesty and less shrewishness than any other singer of our time. There was also her Dido in Purcell's opera, performed as a gesture of friendship to Bernard Miles in the tiny Mermaid Theatre in London. There was the Wagner concert in New York with Bruno Walter conducting and also providing the piano accompaniment for her performance of the *Wesendonck Lieder*. And there was what might be claimed the fulfilment of her many gifts: her sharê in the production of "Fidelio" given at Salzburg in the summers of 1949 and 1950, when, under the baton of Furtwaengler, directed by Gunther Rennert, and with colleagues like Julius Patzak, Flagstad sang a Leonora of such nobility and womanliness that



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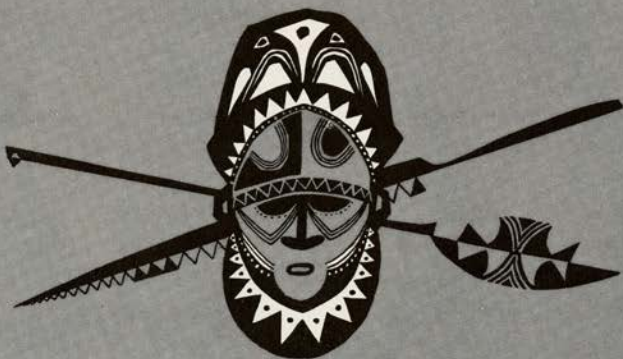
With Gaetano Merola before a Standard Hour broadcast.

it seemed more an act of faith than a musical event. But everyone was equally inspired. There have been times in the recent history of Europe when Beethoven's opera has seemed the only fitting way of expressing our human need for atonement and rededication, and that was one of them.

It is this part of Kirsten Flagstad's career which, so far as America is concerned, her post-war performances in San Francisco inaugurated.

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Her memory remains strong in this city. Through the efforts of her friend, Mrs. Milton H. Esberg, who has enlisted the aid of Samuel Draper of New York, a collection of Flagstad memorabilia has been established at the California Historical Society for purposes of study and research. For a month beginning on October 15th the collection, augmented for the occasion by private loans, will be on display at the Society's headquarters. Photographs, programs, reviews, articles, books, letters, annotated scores have been lovingly arranged to recall her great career. The singer's art, even with modern recordings, remains the most evanescent of all. So much depends on personality, on the feelings communicated to the audience by the mere presence of the artist. Apart from its documentary value this collection helps to preserve that part of Flagstad's genius which would otherwise disappear with the passage of time.

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October 27, 8:30 p.m.

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Conductor: Molinari-Pradelli

Stage Director: Mansouri

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Friday Evening, October 16, 1964, at 8:00
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Il Trovatore

(In Italian)

Opera in four acts by GIUSEPPE VERDI

Text by Salvatore Cammerano, after the play by Antonio Garcia Gutierrez

Conductor: FRANCESCO MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: LOTFI MANSOURI

FERRANDO, a captain of the forces of the queen of Aragon.....JOSHUA HECHT
INEZ, Leonora's attendant.....CLAUDIA WHITE
LEONORA, lady-in-waiting to the queen.....ELLA LEE
COUNT DI LUNA, general of the queen's forces.....RAYMOND WOLANSKY
MANRICO, a captain of the rebellious forces.....JAMES McCracken
AZUCENA, a gypsy.....REGINA RESNIK
AN OLD GYPSY.....DAVID GIOSSO
A MESSENGER.....ROY GLOVER
RUIZ, a soldier in Manrico's service.....RICHARD RIFFEL

Soldiers, nuns, gypsies

Chorus Director: VINCENZO GIANNINI

Costumers: GOLDSTEIN & CO.

TIME AND PLACE: Middle of the fifteenth century; Aragon

Act I: (The Duel)

Scene 1: Aliaferia palace

Scene 2: Garden of the palace

Act II: (The Gypsy)

Scene 1: A gypsy hideout in Biscay

Scene 2: A convent near Aliaferia palace

Act III: (The Gypsy's Son)

Scene 1: Count di Luna's camp

Scene 2: A room in the fortress of Castellor

Act IV: (Torment)

Scene 1: A tower in Aliaferia palace

Scene 2: The prison in Aliaferia palace

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THE STORY OF "IL TROVATORE"

ACT I, SCENE 1—In the royal castle of Aragon the men of the Count di Luna, the queen's general against the rebellious forces of Urgel, are on the lookout for a mysterious troubador, who every night serenades Leonora, a lady-in-waiting to the queen. The count loves Leonora and has given orders to find and arrest the troubador. Ferrando, the captain of the guard, tells his men the story of a gypsy who was burned at the stake for abducting the count's younger brother. The child is supposed to have perished in the same fire.

SCENE 2—On a terrace of the palace Leonora confesses to her companion, Inez, that she has met the mysterious troubador only once, yet has fallen in love with him. As soon as the two women retire into the palace the count appears but before he can follow Leonora the troubador's (Manrico) serenade is heard. Leonora rushes onto the terrace. When she betrays her love for Manrico, the Count di Luna challenges his rival to a duel.

ACT II, SCENE 1—Gypsies, among them Azucena, are encamped in some half-destroyed buildings. Staring into the flames of their fire she relives the hour of her mother's death at the stake, and reveals that in a frenzy she threw her own child into the flames instead of the kidnapped child. She calls for vengeance. Manrico, recovered from an almost fatal wound received during the continuing civil war, asks Azucena, if he really is her son. The old woman contradicts herself, and finally asks him why he has spared Di Luna's life when he once had him at his mercy. Manrico confesses that a mysterious force had stopped him. A messenger brings news of an impending skirmish, and Manrico leaves to lead his men into battle.

SCENE 2—Leonora, believing that Manrico has been killed in a battle, is about to take the veil when suddenly the count and his men attempt to abduct her. Unexpectedly Manrico and his insurgent soldiers emerge and repulse Di Luna. Overjoyed, Leonora escapes with Manrico.

ACT III, SCENE 1—The Count di Luna and his army are beseiging Castellor, into which Leonora and Manrico with his forces have retreated. The count's soldiers are ready to storm the castle when Azucena is discovered and dragged before the count. She is forced to admit that Manrico is her son. She is then tied to a stake, visible from the castle, in order to force Manrico's surrender.

SCENE 2—Inside the fortress Manrico and Leonora are about to be married when the news of Azucena's impending execution reaches them. Manrico rallies his forces for a last desperate sortie to save his mother.

ACT IV, SCENE 1—Manrico has been captured and awaits his doom. Leonora approaches the stronghold of the royal castle from which she hopes to rescue him. When the count discovers her she offers herself as price for her lover's freedom. The count accepts with joy, but does not see Leonora swallow a deadly poison.

SCENE 2—In their prison Azucena and Manrico recall the days of freedom in the mountains. Leonora enters and urges Manrico to flee. He has been granted his freedom. Manrico refuses to leave, suspecting the price Leonora had paid in exchange for his liberty. The poison begins to take effect and with her last breath she declares her innocence. The count enters the prison. As he sees Leonora dead, he orders Manrico's immediate execution. Azucena, seeing Manrico put to death, cries out triumphantly that her mother is finally avenged. It was his own brother that Di Luna had just executed.

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Saturday Evening, October 17, 1964, at 8:30

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New Production

Fidelio

(In German)

Opera in two acts and four scenes by LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Text by Josef Sonnleithner, based on a story by Jean Nicholas Bouilly

Conductor: LEOPOLD LUDWIG

Production: PAUL HAGER

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

JACQUINO	GLADE PETERSON
MARZELLINE	LEE VENORA
ROCCO	ANDREW FOLDI
LEONORE (FIDELIO)	BIRGIT NILSSON
DON PIZARRO	GERAINT EVANS
FIRST PRISONER.....	ANDRE MONTAL
SECOND PRISONER	DAVID GIOSSO
FLORESTAN	JON VICKERS
DON FERNANDO	CHESTER LUDGIN

Prisoners, guards, townspeople

Chorus Director: VINCENZO GIANNINI

Costumers: GOLDSTEIN & CO.

TIME AND PLACE: About 1800; a state prison near Seville, Spain

Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3 will be played between Scenes 1 and 2 of the second act.

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"Il Trovatore" (Verdi) in Italian

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BACKGROUND—The story of "Fidelio" centers in an episode of political despotism. Florestan, a valiant fighter for freedom, is imprisoned in a dark dungeon by his ruthless enemy, Pizarro, governor of the state prison. There he is slowly starving to death. Meanwhile, reports have reached his wife, Leonore, who does not know his whereabouts, of his death. Frantic, she clings to the hope that this is some villainous game of Pizarro's. As a last desperate measure she resolves to search out Pizarro's prison, find her husband, and free him. To do so, she disguises herself as Fidelio and secures employment as assistant to the jailer Rocco.

Act I, SCENE 1—The young guard Jacquino courts Marzelline in vain, for she has fallen in love with Fidelio. Her father, the head keeper Rocco, also wants a union between his daughter and Fidelio, and hopes for governor's permission to use the latter as a helper with the secret prisoners. Marzelline fears that Fidelio won't be able to bear all the misery that such work entails, but Leonore (Fidelio) knows that she must have courage and strength to carry out her secret plan—the rescue of her husband.

SCENE 2—Pizarro receives news from a friend that the minister, Don Fernando, intends a surprise inspection of the prison and fears that Florestan will be found. He therefore resolves to kill him. A sentry is posted on the prison tower to give a trumpet signal as soon as the minister is sighted. Rocco is not prepared to be a murderer, but is willing to hold his tongue for money and later to hide Florestan's body in the ruined cistern. Leonore, who has overheard the plan to murder an unknown prisoner, resolves to save him, whoever he may be. At her request Rocco allows some of the prisoners into the prison courtyard and the light of day. But Leonore is disappointed that Florestan is not among them. Pizarro, furious at Rocco's independent action, has the prisoners locked up again in their cells.

Act II, SCENE 1—Florestan, weakened from hunger and thirst in his underground prison, has a vision: his wife appears to him as an angel of freedom. Rocco and Leonore come down into the dungeon to open the cistern as a grave. Leonore recognizes the unknown prisoner as her husband. Against Pizarro's order she hands him bread and wine, but she dares do no more. When Pizarro at length appears and tries to stab the defenseless prisoner, Leonore rushes to shield him. "Kill his wife first!" she shouts defiantly. Florestan, dazed with joy, shouts out, "My wife! Leonore!" Pizarro, in a burst of savage rage, attempts to slay them both, but Leonore is ready for him. She whips out a pistol and levels it at him, shouting, "One step more, and you die!" Suddenly a trumpet call sounds: the anxiously awaited minister has finally arrived. Florestan and Leonore are saved and reunited.

SCENE 2—Florestan's fellow prisoners have been released by the minister, and Leonore herself removes the chains from Florestan. Marzelline, fully recovered from her infatuation, consents to marry Jacquino. Pizarro is arrested and led away by Don Fernando's men. The opera closes with a general chorus in praise of Leonore and of conjugal love, which is the theme of the whole work.

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Tuesday Evening, October 20, 1964, at 8:30
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Turandot

(In Italian)

Opera in three acts by GIACOMO PUCCINI
(Last duet and finale by Franco Alfano)

Text by Giuseppe Adami and Renato Simoni, based on Schiller's version of
a play of the same name by Count Carlo Gozzi

Conductor: FRANCESCO MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: LOTFI MANSOURI

Designer: HARRY HORNER

A MANDARIN	JOHN WEST
LIU, a young slave girl.....	PILAR LORENGAR
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TIMUR, his father, an exiled Tartar king.....	GIORGIO TOZZI
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PING, the grand chancellor.....	RAYMOND WOLANSKY
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PONG, the chief cook.....	ANDRE MONTAL
TWO LADIES-IN-WAITING.....	{ CLAUDIA WHITE GWEN CURATILO
THE EMPEROR ALTOUM.....	HOWARD FRIED
PRINCESS TURANDOT, the Emperor's daughter.....	BIRGIT NILSSON

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Choreography: ZACHARY SOLOV

Directed by RON POINDEXTER

San Francisco Opera Boys' Chorus
Madi Bacon, *Director*

Costumers: GOLDSTEIN & CO.

TIME AND PLACE: Legendary; Peking, China

Act I: Walls of the imperial city of Peking

Act II: Scene 1: A pavilion in the imperial palace
Scene 2: A square in front of the palace

Act III: Scene 1: The palace gardens near Turandot's apartments
Scene 2: Same as Act II, Scene 2

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Turandot

(In Italian)

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(Last duet and finale by Franco Alfano)

Text by Giuseppe Adami and Renato Simoni, based on Schiller's version of
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Conductor: FRANCESCO MOLINARI-PRADELLI Stage Director: LOTFI MANSOURI
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Act I: Walls of the imperial city of Peking

Act II: Scene 1: A pavilion in the imperial palace
Scene 2: A square in front of the palace

Act III: Scene 1: The palace gardens near Turandot's apartments
Scene 2: Same as Act II, Scene 2

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Tuesday Evening, September 29, at 8:00

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Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

IL TROVATORE (Verdi)

Stage Director: MANSOURI

Thursday Evening, October 1, at 8:00

RESNIK, LORENGAR, TODD, MARTIN; MARTELL, HECHT, WEST, McCAUGHNA,
MANTON, FRIED

Conductor: LEITNER

CARMEN (Bizet)

Production: YANNOPOULOS

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Designer: BAY

Friday Evening, October 2, at 8:30

VENORA, TODD, WIEN, MARTIN; GOBBI, PETERSON, FOLDI, FRIED, MENCİ,
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GIANNI SCHICCHI (Puccini)

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Tuesday Evening, October 6, at 8:30

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Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

NABUCCO (Verdi)

Production: HAGER

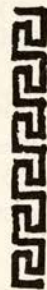
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WEST, RESNICK, HARVEY
Conductor: LUDWIG Stage Director: MANSOURI
Choreographer: SOLOV
- Friday Evening, October 9, at 8:00** **CARMEN (Bizet)**
RESNIK, LORENGAR, TODD, MARTIN; VICKERS, HECHT, WEST, McCAUGHNA,
MANTON, FRIED
Conductor: LEITNER Production: YANNOPOULOS
Choreographer: SOLOV Designer: BAY
- Saturday Evening, October 10, at 8:30** **GIANNI SCHICCHI (Puccini)**
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Conductor: LEITNER Stage Director: MANSOURI
followed by
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FRIED, GLOVER, RIFFEL, McCAUGHNA, GIOSSO
Conductor: LEITNER Production: P. HAGER/G. HAGER
Designers: PONNELLE/COLANGELO
- Sunday Afternoon, October 11, at 2:00** **THE BARTERED BRIDE (Smetana)**
COSTA, VENORA, WHITE, WIEN; EVANS, PETERSON, FRIED, LUDGIN,
WEST, RESNICK, HARVEY
Conductor: LUDWIG Stage Director: MANSOURI
Choreographer: SOLOV
- Tuesday Evening, October 13, at 8:30** **FIDELIO (Beethoven)**
NILSSON, VENORA; VICKERS, EVANS, FOLDI, PETERSON, LUDGIN, MONTAL,
GIOSSO
Conductor: LUDWIG Production: HAGER
Designers: SKALICKI/COLANGELO
- Thursday Evening, October 15, at 8:30** **NABUCCO (Verdi)**
KUCHTA, MARTIN, TODD; GOBBI, TOZZI, TAGLIAVINI, MENCI, RIFFEL
Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI Production: HAGER
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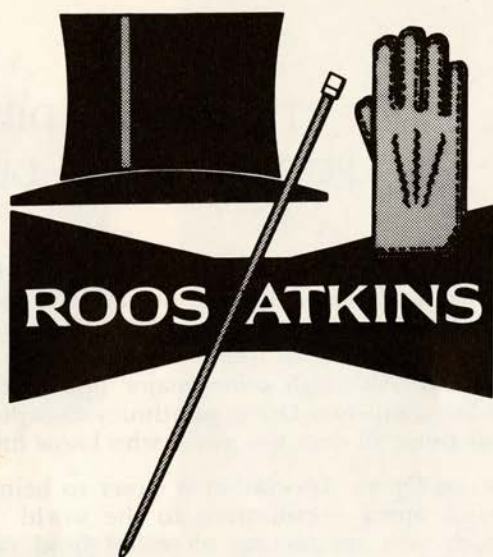
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Every effort is made by the Association at all times to establish the lowest possible operating budget, consistent with its ability to present opera of the highest standards. However, the normal processes of attrition mean that new and additional support from individuals, businesses, foundations and local government must be constantly sought, as well as continued assistance from our past contributors. By broadening the base of financial responsibility, we can provide a firm foundation for our operations. If all those who value opera's contribution to our cultural life will invest in its future, the need will be met.

Nothing can more clearly emphasize the need for financial support to meet steadily rising costs than the recent publicity resulting from our difficulty in reaching an agreement with the orchestra, despite our having made substantial concessions. Nevertheless, the Association strongly feels its obligation to ask no more of contributors than is actually needed at any time. Much will depend upon the dedication with which each individual meets his own responsibility to the Opera. We are counting upon a response from loyal contributors which will endorse the Association's efforts in establishing the 1964 goal at the minimum necessary amount.

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Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

Stage Director: MANSOURI

Saturday Evening, October 17, at 8:30

NILSSON, VENORA; VICKERS, EVANS, FOLDI, PETERSON, LUDGIN, MONTAL, GIOSSO

Conductor: LUDWIG

Production: HAGER

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Tuesday Evening, October 20, at 8:30

NILSSON, LORENGAR, CURATILO, WHITE; TAGLIAVINI, TOZZI, WOLANSKY, MANTON, MONTAL, FRIED, WEST, GLOVER

Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

Stage Director: MANSOURI

Designer: HORNER

Thursday Evening, October 22, at 8:30

NILSSON, LORENGAR, CURATILO, WHITE; TAGLIAVINI, TOZZI, WOLANSKY, MANTON, MONTAL, FRIED, WEST, GLOVER

Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

Stage Director: MANSOURI

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Friday Evening, October 23, at 8:00

COLLIER, WIEN, WHITE, TODD; KATERINA ISMAILOVA (Shostakovich) VICKERS, MARTELL, LUDGIN, TOZZI, MANTON, FRIED, FOLDI, HECHT, McCAUGHNA, RIFFEL, WEST, GLOVER, GIOSSO, HARVEY

Conductor: LUDWIG

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Saturday Evening, October 24, at 8:00

LEE, WARFIELD, WHITE; McCRACKEN, WOLANSKY, HECHT, RIFFEL, GIOSSO, GLOVER

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Stage Director: MANSOURI

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TURANDOT (Puccini)

Stage Director: MANSOURI

Tuesday Evening, October 27, at 8:30

COSTA; McCracken, Weede, Wolansky, MONTAL, GLOVER, GIOSSO

Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

followed by

I PAGLIACCI (Leoncavallo)

Stage Director: MANSOURI

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Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

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CARMINA BURANA (Orff)

Thursday Evening, October 29, at 8:00

LEE, WARFIELD, WHITE; McCracken, Wolansky, Hecht, RIFFEL, GIOSSO,
GLOVER

Conductor: MOLINARI-PRADELLI

Stage Director: MANSOURI

IL TROVATORE (Verdi)

Friday Evening, October 30, at 8:00

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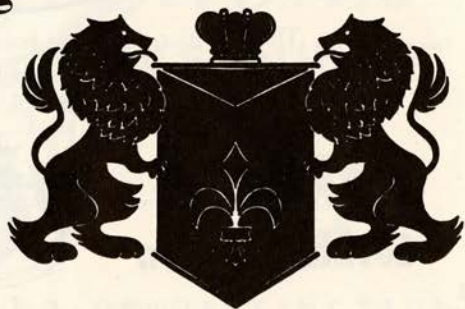


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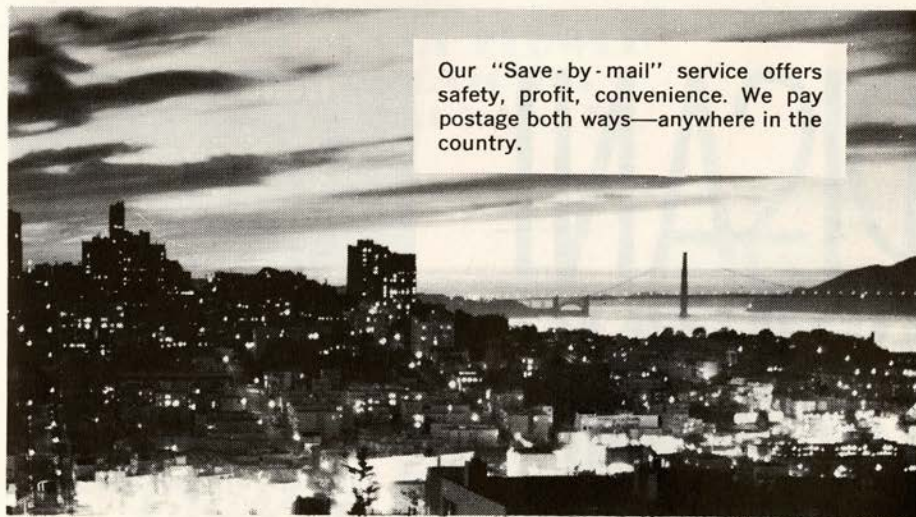
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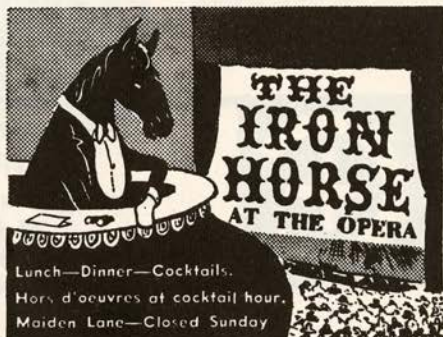
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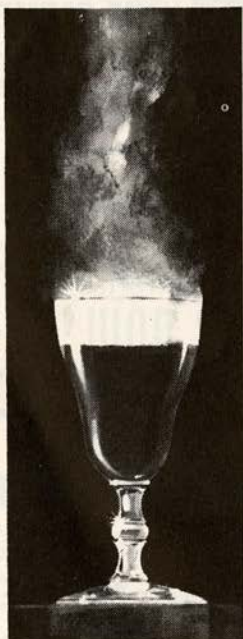
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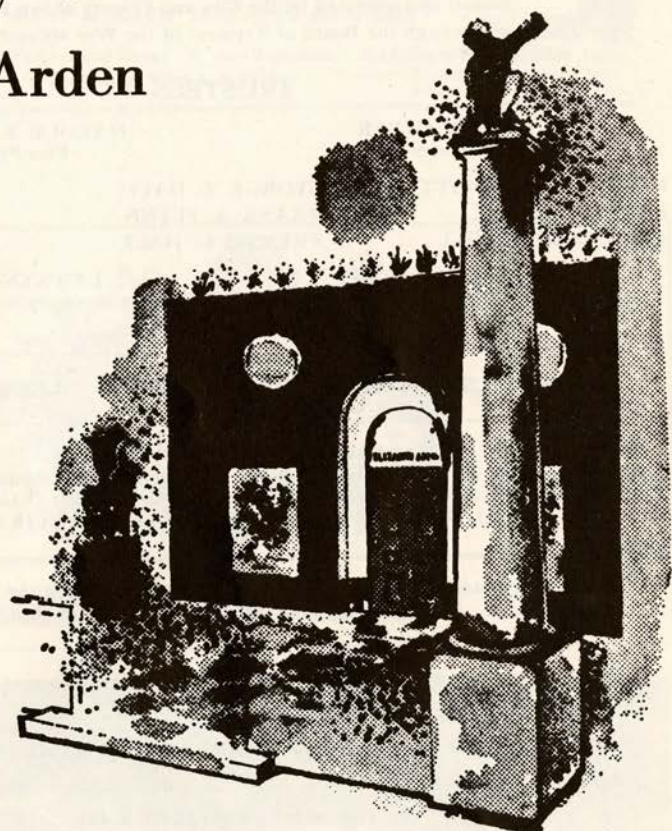
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Saturday Evening, October 31, at 8:00 KATERINA ISMAILOVA (Shostakovich)
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MANTON, FRIED, FOLDI, HECHT, McCAUGHNA, RIFFEL, WEST, GLOVER,
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Conductor: BONYNGE

Stage Director: MANSOURI

Choreographer: SOLOV

Tuesday Evening, November 3, at 8:30 LA TRAVIATA (Verdi)
SUTHERLAND, WIEN, TODD; ILOSFALVY, WAECHTER, HECHT, RIFFEL,
McCAUGHNA, MENCI, GLOVER, GIOSSE, ANDERSEN

Conductor: BONYNGE

Stage Director: MANSOURI

Choreographer: SOLOV

Thursday Evening, November 5, at 8:30 LA TRAVIATA (Verdi)
SUTHERLAND, WIEN, TODD; ILOSFALVY, WAECHTER, HECHT, RIFFEL,
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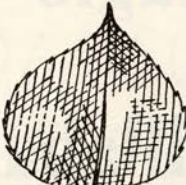
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- Friday, September 11, 11:45 p.m., War Memorial Opera House**
 THE OPERA BALL, sponsored by the San Francisco Opera Guild.
- Monday, September 21, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins**
 JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "The Strauss Centennial," Dr. Walter Ducloux.
- Tuesday, September 22**
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 JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "Nabucco," Alexander Fried.
- Saturday, October 10**
 EXHIBIT of scenic designs, photographs, and detailed background material on Shostakovich's "Katerina Ismailova" opens in the music room of the San Francisco Public Library at Larkin and Fulton streets and will remain on display until the end of the season.
Public invited free of charge.
- Monday, October 12, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins**
 JUNIOR LEAGUE OPERA PREVIEW, "Fidelio," Dr. Jan Popper.
- Thursday, October 15**
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- Sunday, October 18, 2:00 p.m.**
 HEARST GREEK THEATER, "Nabucco," presented by the University of California in Berkeley.
- Monday, October 19, 11:00 a.m., Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins**
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Choreographer: SOLOV

Tuesday Afternoon, November 3, at 1:30 **THE BARTERED BRIDE** (Smetana)
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Conductor: LUDWIG Stage Director: MANSOURI
Choreographer: SOLOV

Wednesday Afternoon, November 4, at 1:30 **THE BARTERED BRIDE** (Smetana)
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