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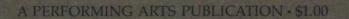
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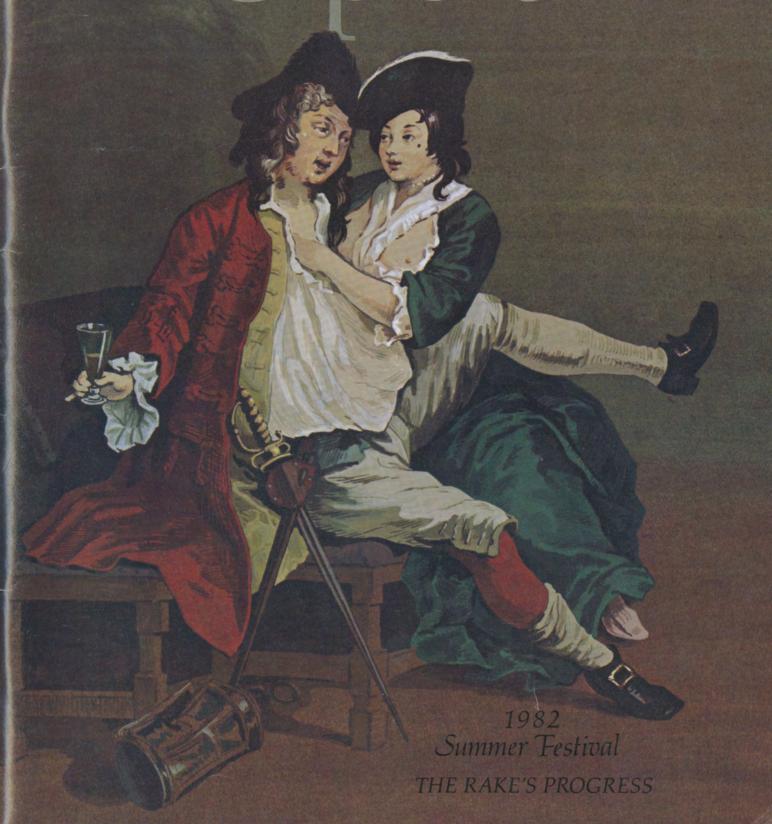
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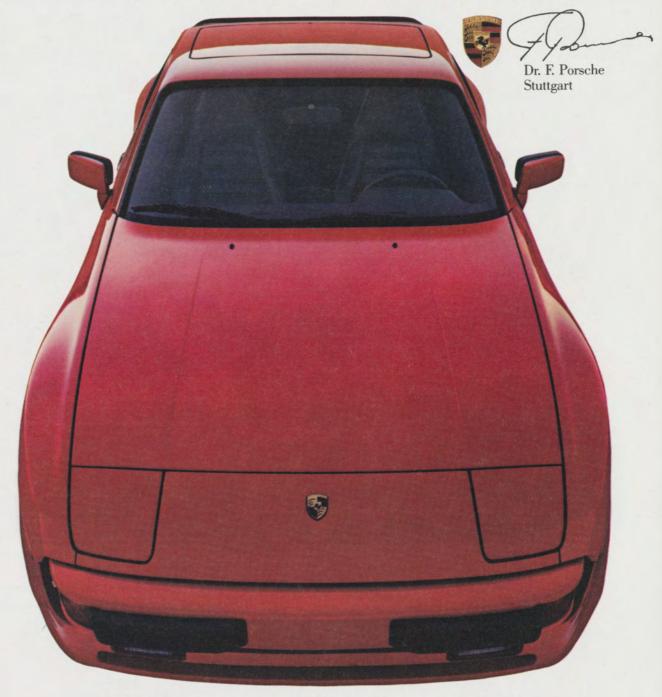
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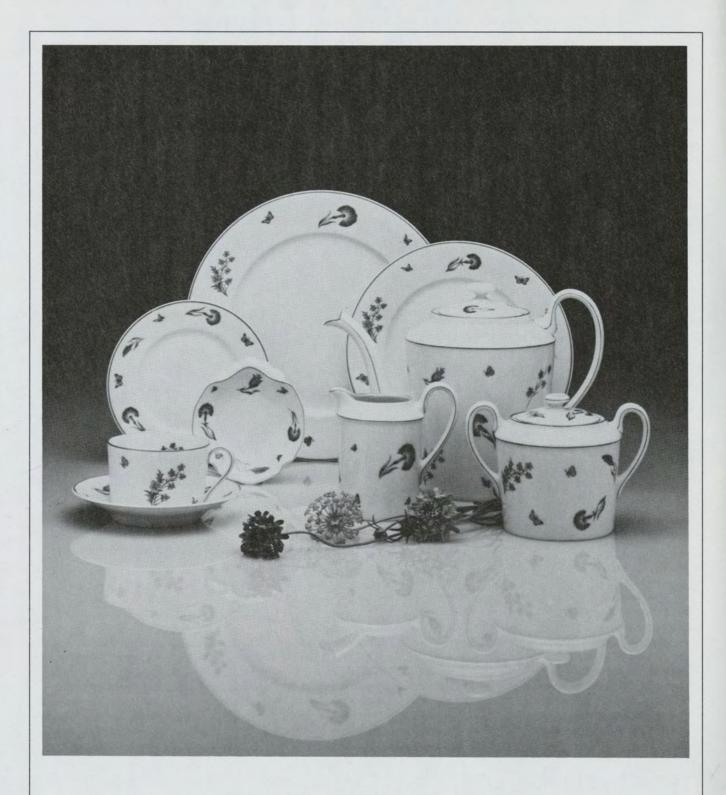
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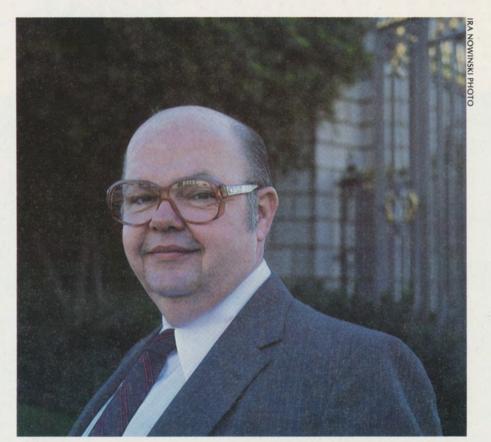
Having inherited an excellent staff whose energies are now extended over two major seasons per year rather than one, I feel certain they have the strength of purpose and staying power to give me the support I need.

It is becoming a cliché to say that these are difficult times, but the enterprising spirit which will continue to be a part of this company can, when necessary, make ingenuity take the place of dollars we lack. An example of this ingenuity is our present Summer Festival. Of the five colorful productions being offered, four are new to our local audiences, yet the total cost to the San Francisco Opera has been nowhere near the large investment currently required to build four new productions.

Perhaps because of my business background I am very anxious for the company to have as healthy a financial future as possible and I thank, in advance, those of you who have understood the need for more active and varied fund-raising.

Planning ahead in the world of opera has changed completely in the last few years. The services of top-flight artists must now be contracted years in advance. This means that I must commit the Company to a definite artistic future. We must rebuild much of the standard repertoire and still maintain the excitement of new productions and new works. The plans I have made are both traditional and adventurous.

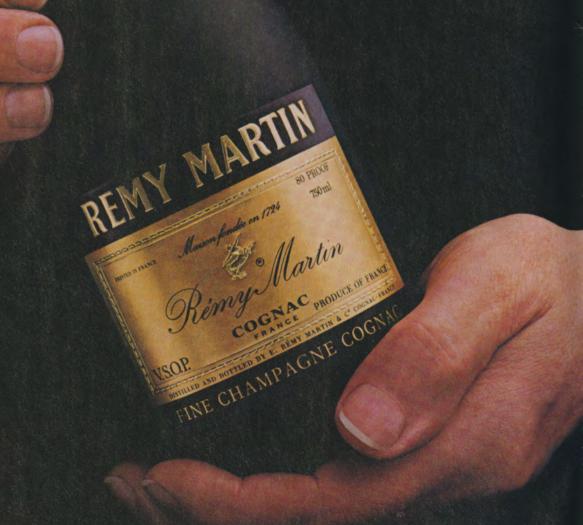
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Strong promotional efforts plus the critical acclaim that followed our 1981 Festival have resulted in greatly increased ticket sales for the 1982 summer season. We are greatly encouraged by this increased base of audience support for our new summer venture.

This summer San Francisco Opera audiences will see four operas presented in productions that are new to San Francisco and a revival of one of our own favorites, Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*. The San Francisco Foundation has generously underwritten the cost of presenting the beautiful English National Opera production of Handel's *Julius Caesar*, and a grant from the L.J. Skaggs and Mary C. Skaggs Foundation has made possible the David Hockney production of Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress*, originally created for the



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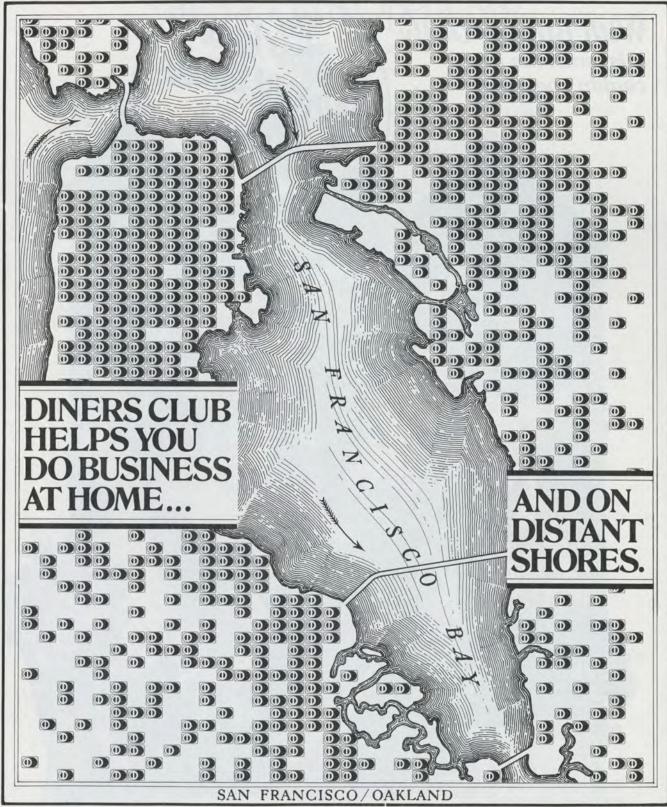
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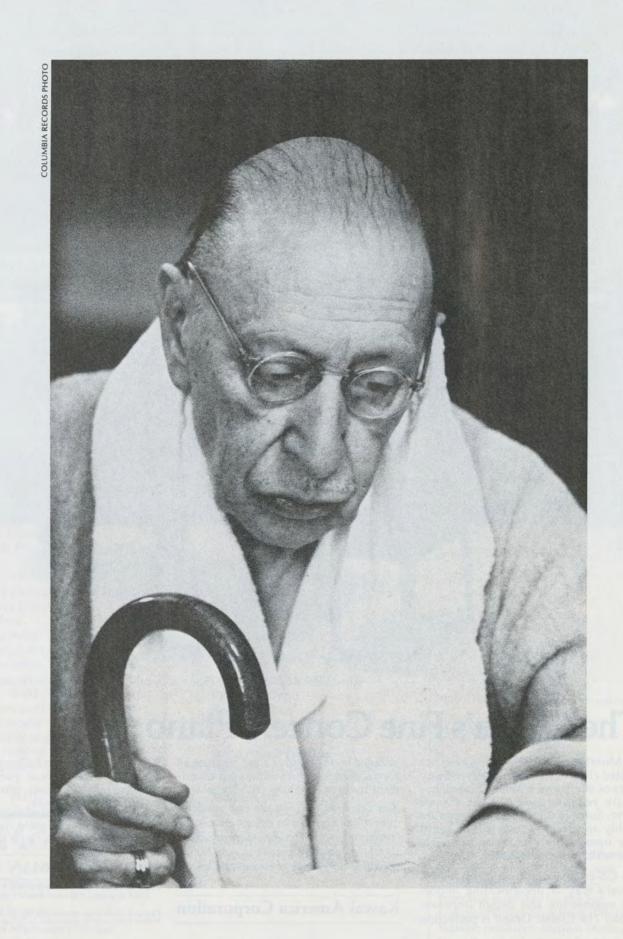
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By MICHAEL STEINBERG

From The Nightingale, begun in 1908 but interrupted for The Firebird, to the thirty-three-second Fanfare for the opening in 1964 of a new theater for George Balanchine's and Lincoln Kirstein's New York City Ballet, Stravinsky wrote for the stage all his life. Eager choreographers have even stretched this span by making dances on works composed for other purposes

Igor Stravinsky in the late 1960s.

and other occasions, from the Symphony in E flat of 1905-07 to the opus ultimum, the Requiem Canticles of 1966. But Stravinsky waited a long time before writing a full-length opera: he was in his sixty-sixth year when he began The Rake's Progress and just past his sixty-ninth birthday when he sent the last corrections and additions to his publisher. (Even though they break down into respectively three and two acts, I am not counting The Nightingale [1908-14] and Oedipus Rex [1926-27] as full-length since each plays for only three-quarters of an hour; Mavra

[1921-22] is a one-acter and very short.) At that age Wagner worked on Parsifal, Verdi was on his long holiday between Aida and Otello, Handel had abandoned the genre a decade before, Monteverdi was on the verge of that great Indian summer that produced II Ritorno d'Ulisse and L'Incoronazione di Poppea, Strauss had Arabella, his tenth opera, on his desk, and Puccini was struggling to finish Turandot. The Rake's Progress, then, is a late work from the summit of a career; reviewing its first American production in 1953, B. H. Haggin rightly called it "a



William Hogarth's most famous self-portrait, etched and engraved in 1749. The portrait also exists as a painting, in which the three books bear their authors' names on the spine: Shakespeare, Milton and Swift. The dog is Hogarth's own, named Trump.

summation of Stravinsky's artistic experience and activity." In fact, fifteen years of wonderful composing came after the *Rake*, but in another sense this opera is a summation, a cadence, a closing, for it is the only major work by Stravinsky that is not the source of what followed.*

*Except in one thing: The Rake's Progress was Stravinsky's first major essay at setting English, a task he assumed in seven further works with striking variety and success. His only previous encounter with an English text was in the curious little cantata Babel (1944), which in this particular respect could be described as somewhat evasive and inconsequential.

Robert Craft begins his Rake chronology on 2 May 1947 with Stravinsky's visit to a Hogarth exhibition at the Chicago Art Institute. Stravinsky was then at work on the ballet Orpheus, of which he said later "that because so much of it is mimed song, it seemed inevitable that my next work would be an opera**;" his most recent completed piece was the Concerto in D for string orchestra. He finished Orpheus in September and resumed work on a Mass whose Kyrie and Gloria

he had written in 1944, but he also wrote to Ralph Hawkes, his publisher, that the next project would be to compose "the opera discussed at our last meeting." And more: he had talked about the plan with Aldous Huxley, an acquaintance since 1925 but now a Hollywood neighbor and a close friend, and Huxley had recommended W. H. Auden as librettist. Four years later, Stravinsky gratefully dubbed Huxley the Rake's godfather, which drew this disclaimer from the writer: "You do me too much honor. . . . At most I am only the go-between who happily continued the meeting of those eminent Lesbians, Music and Poetry, who, for these past thirty centuries, have stuck together so notoriously . . ." Hawkes enlisted Auden's services quickly and easily, and, in response to a hint from Lincoln Kirstein, Stravinsky invited Auden to come to Hollywood as his guest. During that visit from 11 to 18 September 1947 they wrote the first version of a scenario (printed as an appendix to Stravinsky's and Craft's Memories and Commentaries). They also saw a production of Così fan tutte in the parish hall of a Hollywood church, though Mozart was in fact already in the picture insofar as Stravinsky had asked Hawkes to send him orchestral scores of his operas as a "source of inspiration." †

To summarize drastically the remainder of the chronology:

11 December 1947 — Stravinsky composed the first music for *The Rake's Progress*, the eighteen measures for string quartet that are the prelude to the graveyard scene. He had finished the *Credo* of his Mass the day before.

16 January 1948 — Auden sent the completed text for Act I, admitting in his covering letter that he had "taken in a collaborator," Chester Kallman, a

^{**}Balanchine, for his part, recalls saying to Stravinsky as they were trying to establish the nature of their collaboration on *Orpheus*, "Why don't we do it like an opera?"

[†]Così fan tutte is now a repertory opera in this country. In 1947 it was not, being pretty much the property of specialists and of the few people lucky enough to have access to the out-of-print pre-war recording from Glyndebourne. Productions were rare and more apt to occur in schools and parish halls than in real theaters, and with piano at that, though Stravinsky was able to see a semiprofessional production with orchestra at Central City, Colorado, in July 1948. That experience gave Stravinsky so much pleasure that for a while he entertained the idea of having the premiere of The Rake's Progress at Central City. The turning point in Cosi's American standing came with the success of the Metropolitan Opera's production in the 1951-52 season.

good poet and also Auden's lover. Stravinsky was annoyed at this maneuver but his irritation vanished when he met Kallman a couple of months later. Kallman, in the event, would be responsible for close to two thirds of the Rake libretto.*

8 May 1948 - Stravinsky began to compose Act I.

16 January 1949 - Act I completed except for the Prelude.

1 April 1949 - Act II begun. In the interval came concerts in Boston, New York, and Urbana, Illinois, as well as the RCA recordings of Orpheus and the Mass.

End of May 1950 - Act III begun. 7 April 1951 — Stravinsky completed the Epilogue. During the next three months he composed the nineteen-measure Prelude and made a few small corrections and additions (he had forgotten, for example, to compose four words of Baba's in the Epilogue: "All men are mad").

11 September 1951 — The prima at La Fenice, Venice, of La Carriera d'un libertino (sung, however, in English), Stravinsky conducting, Carl Ebert directing, with designs by Nicola Benois (son of Alexandre Benois, designer of the first Petrushka and Nightingale), and with Robert Rounseville (Tom Rakewell), Elisabeth Schwarzkopf (Anne Trulove), Otakar Kraus (Nick Shadow), Jennie Tourel (Baba the Turk), Nell Tangeman (Mother Goose), and Hugues Cuénod (Sellem). By then, Stravinsky had already made considerable progress on his next - and, as always, forwardlooking — piece, the Cantata, in which he used Elizabethan texts he found in Auden's and Norman Holmes Pearson's anthology, Poets of the English Language, received from Auden as a 1950 Christmas present.

*To quote Craft: "Regrettably, plans for two further [collaborations] came to nothing. A second libretto, whose protagonists were to be 'Rossini (the man of heart), Berlioz (the man of intellect), and Mendelssohn (the man of sensibility),' did not develop beyond the talking stage. But the text of Delia, the masque [—a celebration of Wisdom—] written especially for Stravinsky, is complete, awaiting a composer with some of the same gifts of a Stravinsky—or a Mozart." Auden and Kallman provided Hans Werner Henze with two librettos, Elegy for Young Lovers and The Bassarids, as well as making some translations that include Don Giovanni and The Magic Flute.



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"I will lace each aria with a tight corset," Stravinsky told Nicolas Nabokov. That was in December 1947, four months before he actually composed any vocal music for The Rake's Progress. After the work was done, he explained that "having chosen a period-piece subject, I decided - naturally, as it seemed to me - to assume the conventions of the period as well. . . . I chose to cast the Rake in the mold of an eighteenthcentury 'number' opera, one in which the dramatic progress depends on the succession of separate pieces recitatives and arias, duets, trios, choruses, instrumental interludes."

A well-fitted corset was always, for Stravinsky, an artistic sine qua non, and more than most musicians of his generation he thoroughly enjoyed the external trappings of "form." What relish there is, for example, in the V-I cadences that mark the variations in Card Game and Danses concertantes! The corsets in Rake are tight indeed. Most of the set pieces are startlingly short, and their brevity sets off handsomely the few expansive numbers or sequences - Anne's recitative, aria, and cabaletta ("No word from Tom/Quietly, night/I go to him"), Anne's first meeting with Tom in front of his house in London, the graveyard scene, the auction, and Bedlam. With one formal feature of the Rake Stravinsky himself became dissatisfied, and that is the division into three acts. The demonstration of the bread machine makes a weak close. and Stravinsky decidedly came to prefer the two-act division made by Ingmar Bergman in his 1961 production in Stockholm, the break falling after Baba's unveiling of her beard.*

"... to assume the conventions of the period as well...." The boldest, surely, of Stravinsky's "assumptions" is the secco recitative with harpsichord. Anne's and Tom's first duet comes to

*The original scenario drafted by Stravinsky with Auden had yet another solution—also more effective than the one now in the score—and that was to close Act II with the auction. Stravinsky also admired Bergman's way of having the characters of each new scene enter while those of the last one were still making their exits, the formal closures and beginnings of the music and the continuous flow of the stage movement creating a striking audio-visual rhythmic counterpoint.

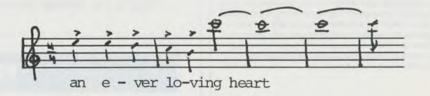
its close with one of those understated postludes so characteristic of the Rake, and trrrang, the harpsichord lays down that first-inversion major chord with which we have heard so many conversations begin in Mozart. and Trulove begins, "Anne, my dear . . ." But the next recitative already stretches the convention: a great swirl on the harpsichord, like a courtly bow. introduces Nick Shadow, a chord of pizzicato strings provides punctuation, and a bassoon is ready with a sinister echo of the flourish on the harpsichord. (After that, it is "normal" secco save for another whorl to go with Nick's "I bear you a bright future.") But most characteristic of all is the harpsichord's eventual emergence from convention. That occurs in the gravevard when, except for seven measures for six woodwinds, it accompanies the entire card game in a sinister two-part invention. (Mrs. Stravinsky wrote in 1964: "... to me, Shadow's harpsichord arpeggio is an imitation of Igor's way of shuffling cards, as the staccato of that instrument recalls the way he snaps playing cards on a table.") The harpsichord returns for two brief exchanges that are deliberately kept neutral - they frame the last and almost unbearably poignant scene between Anne and Tom - but it also gets what is, in all its simplicity, the most beautiful chord in the opera, the one that supports Anne's final "Goodbye."

"Every high C accurately struck demolishes the theory that we are the irresponsible puppets of fate or chance." It was Auden who wrote that (in "Notes on Music and Opera," included in his collection, The Dyer's Hand), and it is at Auden's request that Anne's cabaletta — and thus Act I — ends on a high C. Auden even changed the rhyme so as to have a vowel more suitable for the high register. What is characteristic is the way Stravinsky places the high C in quotation marks, as it were, by arriving at it suddenly, almost arbitrarily, from a ninth below

- high C for its own sake. (Before that, the cabaletta has three scattered high A's, but no B flat and no B.) Approaching a high note by a wide leap is anticipated in the recitative that begins this scena of Anne's, "Love answers him across the silent miles and goes," the last two syllables being set on E sharp and F sharp a ninth apart; earlier, the high A for Tom's "This beggar shall ride" is similarly isolated. Interestingly, it was Auden who pleaded that the composer make the ensembles more "operatic" and also, according to Craft's account, "to take fewer pains in making every word audible, for, in the interests of verbal distinctness, Stravinsky had tended to alternate voices in duets and trios. rather than to blend them."

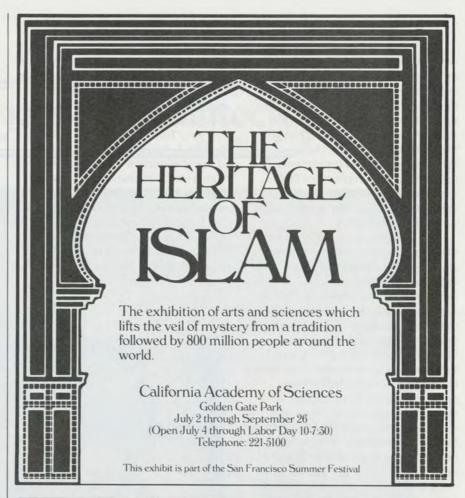
But Stravinsky goes beyond assuming certain conventions: he makes specific allusions to earlier operas. Some of these are obvious the Don Giovanni epilogue, with house lights up, to state the moral (to which Mrs. Stravinsky adds the delightful detail that the finger-pointing "for you and you" was "inspired by Walter Huston in The Devil and Daniel Webster"); the paraphrase in the whores' chorus, "How sad a song," of "Di scrivermi ogni giorno," the farewell quintet in Così fan tutte, with the same agitated sixteenth-notes in groups of three in the violins, pizzicato bass, a sustained and slow ostinato for the violas, long notes on a wind instrument (bassoon in Mozart, horn in Stravinsky), even a situation balanced with similar delicacy between the touching and the absurd; Anne's voice joining Tom's on the word "love" in the graveyard, which is the remembrance of the Duke of Mantua's completing Gilda's fantasy, "t'amo" (even the pitch, G, is the same). Craft, by the way, points out that the libretto is itself full of quotations from, among others, Shakespeare, Dryden, Mrs. Aphra Behn, and Wordsworth.

A fascinating sidelight on the librettists' concern to make *The Rake's Progress* as operatic as possible is cast



by Chester Kallman, who reports that he and Auden provided Stravinsky with "an index of vocal types. He had asked us, when the libretto was completed, whether any particular voices or timbres of voice had been in our minds during our writing of the various roles. There had been. And so we loaned him a record album with discs of Steber (Anne), Stignani (Baba), Bioerling (Tom), and Domgraf-Fassbänder (Shadow). I have never asked him, but I am fairly certain that these voices figure in the timbres of the score. More certainly, Baba's coloratura, conceived in terms of Stignani's range and evenness of intonation, clearly characterizes her with the same uncaricaturized brio that we wished her words to convey." It is a good cast for the Rake. In fact, Annes have been pretty consistently on Kallman's target, remembering that Steber in 1949 was a Countess and Pamina and Sophie, just beginning to venture into heavier territory like Marguerite. And while we mostly hear Handel and Mozart singers rather than Amneris and Azucena or Manrico and Cavaradossi as Baba and Tom, tradition - if one can speak of that in a history of only thirty-one years - has gone in the direction of darker Shadows, baritones with less humor in their voices than we hear in the Guglielmo, Figaro, and Papageno of the pre-war records from Glyndebourne and Berlin.

Of course, Stravinsky was utterly incapable of "assuming" anything without translating it at once into unmistakable Stravinsky. That you can hear even in the thirty-second Prelude. It is a fanfare for trumpets and horns, festive in sound and gesture, but as neutral in content as the toccata that introduces Monteverdi's Orfeo (a favorite opera of Stravinsky's). But the rhythms do not fall as you expect them to (except insofar as, knowing Stravinsky, you will not expect their fall to be anything you could anticipate), nor do the cadences, while the most delicious Stravinsky perversity is that, after all the trumpeting, the loudest noise is made by the string band on their gruff E major rat-tat-tat-tat. And how strikingly the brass and strings prepare the quartet of woodwinds that sets the scene in the Truloves' garden, and, in turn, how subtle the entrance





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of the strings and the addition once more of woodwinds — new ones, not the double-reeds from the introduction — when Anne begins to sing. (The orchestral marvels of the Rake are inexhaustible, but that, after the famous early ballets, the Symphonies of Wind Instruments, The Fairy's Kiss, the Symphony of Psalms, the Violin Concerto, the symphonies of the 1940s, and Orpheus, is the least surprising of miracles.)

Of Stravinsky's setting of these first words of Anne's - and not of them alone - it has sometimes been remarked that they prove his incompetence at composing a text in English. A literal reading of what is on the page does suggest "The woods are green," but no intelligent singer at home in English and working with a sensitive conductor would allow herself to be so hobbled by the barlines; rather, Stravinsky hears the text as though it were set freely in a stable metrical frame, which is not surprising from a composer then steeped, as Craft tells us, in the music of the Elizabethan madrigalists.

On Anne herself, critics, including Stravinsky, Kallman, and especially Craft, have been hard. It is of course Baba who tends to run away with the show: she shares with many a superb singer a bewildering discrepancy between physical endowment and what is in her head, but resilient, commanding, generous, ablaze with that brio Kallman delights in; she is irresistible. Anne seems pale only insofar as we get no hint of her sexuality, and in that she resembles Pamina (also Micaëla, to whom Stravinsky later likened her). But Stravinsky gives her even more touching music to sing - her first-act aria, "Quietly, night" (really a Bachian duet with bassoon - and how desolate it is when all the instruments abandon her at "a colder moon upon a colder heart"); her hesitant, rhythmically rich arioso at Tom's door in London, "No steps in fear shall wander;" her duet with Baba at the auction, "He loves me still;" but most of all her music in Bedlam, "Kiss me, Adonis, the wild boar is vanquished;" the lullaby, "Gently, little boat," so tender, so direct that we scarcely realize that every phrase is a musical surprise; and

her last words to Tom — Tom again, no longer Adonis — "Tom, my vow holds ever good, but it is no longer I you need. Sleep well, my dearest dear. Goodbye."

And Tom, unadmirable, inactive, seemingly so obtuse (but with his classical education intact), nevertheless, with a soul that enables him to give utterance to "O clement love;" to the muted agony of his brothel aria, "Love, too frequently betrayed;" "My heart is wild with fear" in the card scene; the beginning of his madness, when his jaunty duet with Shadow is transformed

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Stravinsky in Italy in the early 1950s.

into the weightless "With roses crowned;" and again, the Bedlam music, the nobly Handelian "Prepare yourselves," his welcome to Anne, most of all the change of light, of key and color, for "Mount, Venus, mount thy throne;" the trembling and anguished "In a foolish dream;" the flowering of eloquent divisions at his death, "The flowers open to the sun, the birds renew their song. . . . Weep for Adonis, whom Venus loved." The mourning chorus that follows, stripped and grave, is perfect.

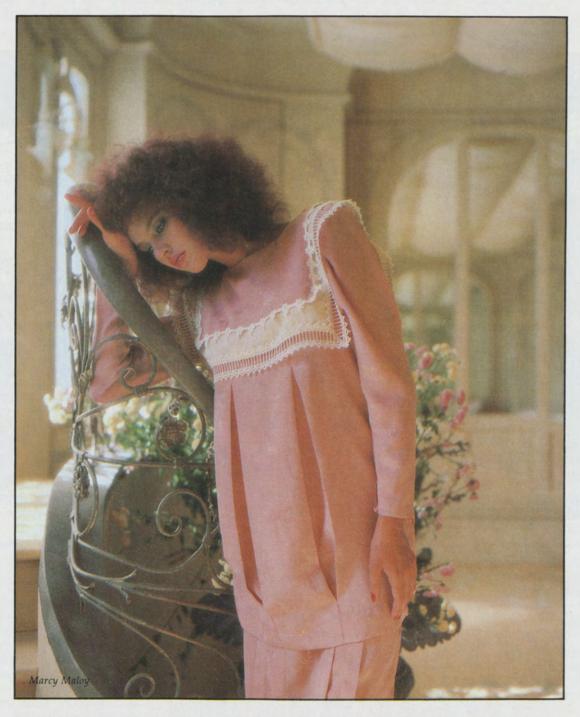
Stravinsky spoke of investing the "dramatic progress . . . [in] the succession of separate pieces," and he meant exactly that, not just the fact that we have here a numbers opera, but literally the succession of those numbers. Each piece adds to the portraits of Anne and Tom - it really is a "progress" - and each makes us more ready for that heartbreaking farewell in Bedlam when they are at once so distant and so close.* Craft points out that this was Stravinsky's first love music since Perséphone sixteen years before; for Vera Stravinsky, to whom that love music was addressed, said that it seemed to her that "Igor [had] saved the most beautiful moments of all for the final scene. These are Rakewell's 'Venus, mount thy throne,' the duet 'In a foolish dream,' and the dying Tom's 'Where art thou, Venus?' which, to me, is the most touching music Igor ever wrote."

I love The Rake's Progress because is gives so generously to heart and ear and head. Like nothing I know since Mozart, it can be funny and touching together, for instance in the crowd's commentary on Baba's and Anne's conversation at the auction ("He loves her - Who? - That isn't known - He loves her still - The tale is sad - if true . . ."), and it can be touching, literally beyond words, as in those five quiet bars for bassoons and brass and drums that make the bridge from the Mourning Chorus to the Epilogue. Not least, in its affectionate and intent vocality, it is itself a most loving celebration of opera.

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^{*}The same, on another emotional plane, is true of Baba as she makes her "progress" from a name and picture (which we don't even see) on a handbill to the campy and stirring splendor of her exit from the auction. To add a purely musical comment, her interrupted and resumed "rage aria" is another example, this time with the most explicit possible pretext, of a compositional technique of interruptions and resumptions that was a favorite of Stravinsky's from the Symphonies of Wind Instruments through *Threni* (cf. Edward T. Cone's essay, "Stravinsky: The Progress of a Method" in *Perspectives on Schoenberg and Stravinsky*, ed. Benjamin Boretz and Edward T. Cone).

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Progress, From A to The

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT

Few operas have been inspired by paintings, but then few painters have been as literary as William Hogarth, whose sequence of eight paintings, "A Rake's Progress," gave Stravinsky the idea for his only full-length opera. Hogarth's pictures are best known from the engravings he made from them; indeed through his engravings Hogarth has long been one of the best-known of all English artists. His fame, however, has been due mainly to the narrative content of his works rather than the more painterly qualities by which most artists are judged. In recent years, especially since Lawrence Gowing's great exhibition of his work at the Tate Gallery in London in the early '70s, Hogarth's merits have undergone something of a complete reappraisal. His extraordinary sense of movement within a picture, his immaculate color sense, his ability to compose elaborate and satisfying structures, his technical originality as an engraver, and his remarkable genius in portraiture, have come to be seen as qualities at least as distinguished as the wit and fascination of his narrative pictures, whose detailed expression does indeed, as he said himself, "Lead the eye a wanton kind of chace (sic)," deceiving it into ignoring the artist's technical skill.

There is something nicely appropriate in David Hockney having chosen to go back to Hogarth for the inspiration of his designs for this production of Stravinsky's opera. Stravinsky, after all, decided to write "an eighteenth-century 'number' opera," using his own unique brand of what he called "musical kleptomania" to forge an unmistakably Stravinskyan, twentieth-century creation out of eighteenth-century ingredients. Auden and Kallman, too, had gone back to

Congreve and other writers of the English Georgian period for the vocabulary and semantics of their libretto, which nonetheless never could be anything but a twentiethcentury product. Neither composer nor librettists resorted to simple parody, but made something defineably contemporary out of deliberately classical elements. Hockney has done the same: he has gone back to Hogarth's works for the elements out of which to create designs, in an exact parallel to Stravinsky's neo-classical compositional methods. None would mistake Hockney's work for anyone else's, nor for the product of any other period than the late twentiethcentury. In some cases his homage, as Stravinsky's has been accused of being, might seem little more than a deliberately naive copy of the original; but the wit that has always permeated his work also transforms that copy. Any semblance of naïveté is deceptive: like Hogarth himself, Hockney's

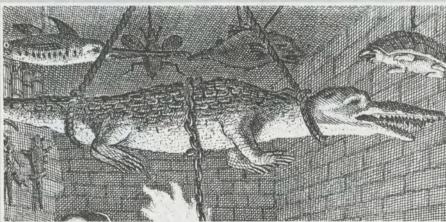
draftsmanship is an unobtrusive tool to express his version of eighteenthcentury London.

His principal method is to take the very basis of Hogarth's engraving style - the detailed cross-hatching that creates the texture of a Hogarthian print - and expand it, as through a magnifying glass, into the principal element of his designs. Behind this overall technique, which gives the stage and costumes a purposeful artificiality exactly matching the unrealism of the story. Hockney plays games with details from Hogarth's paintings and engravings. The illustrations to this article, all from Hogarth prints, show just a few among the many elements, sometimes whole scenes, sometimes tiny fragments, which Hockney has incorporated into his sets. Anyone bored with listening to the opera can amuse himself by tracing others: the walls of Tom's drawing room, both before and after the advent of Baba's eccentric collection of Grand

2. Detail from Plate 8 of Hogarth's illustrations to Samuel Butler's Hudibras, 1725/6,

The stuffed crocodile hanging from the ceiling,

which also appears in other Hogarth prints, appears among Baba's trophies in Tom's drawingroom after their marriage (Act II, Sc. 3 and Act III,





3. A Rake's Progress, Plate 8, "Bedlam", 1735, 121/4" x 151/4"

The final engraving in Hogarth's Rake's Progress series: it was especially this print which gave Stravinsky the idea of writing an opera on the subject of the Rake. Hockney has used numerous details for the characterization of the madmen in their boxes (Act III, Sc. 3); Hogarth's madman writing intellectual graffiti on the Bedlam walls inspired the whole concept of Hockney's Bedlam walls.

Tour memorabilia, and the graffiti and costumes of the Bedlam scene are particularly rich sources for this game of visual archaeology.

The intentional artificiality in the libretto of The Rake's Progress was a conscious decision of Stravinsky's and Auden's at the outset of their collaboration. Hogarth's eight pictures show the progress of the anonymous title character from his sudden acquisition of wealth on his miserly father's death, through various stages of debauch and extravagance, marriage to an ugly but rich middle-aged wife, through absolute poverty, to despair, madness, and incarceration in Bedlam, London's notorius asylum for the insane. Bedlam (a corruption of St. Mary of Bethlehem), had been founded as a priory in 1247. It became a hospital for the insane 300 years later; by Hogarth's time the word had already acquired the generalized sense of uproar and chaos.

It was the Bedlam scene that particularly struck Stravinsky's imagination. But when he and Auden settled down to make the scenario for their opera, they found the Hogarthian sequence anything but complete. Hogarth's pictures are not in fact so much what Hazlitt called "novels in paint" as an excuse for a fierce commentary on the manners and morals of eighteenth-century London. So Stravinsky and Auden invented new elements, and introduced several others from the common stock of European mythology. Nick Shadow was one of the major innovations: he is of course that staple of folklore, Mephistopheles. A second importation from pre-literate mythology was the device of the Three Wishes: for Wealth ("I wish I had money"), Affection ("I wish I were happy"), and Power ("I wish it were true"), apropos Nick's stones-into-bread machine [a version of course of the old alchemical principle of base metal into gold]. Hockney's designing of that machine, as a formalized little church, is a particularly nice example of satirical humor, a cynical commentary very much in line with Hogarth's own



4. Detail from "Evening," Plate 3 of The Four Times of Day, 1738.

Illustrates the kind of foliage, cloud treatment, door-shape, etc. that Hockney has used in the two scenes in Trulove's Garden (Act I, Scc. 1 & 3).

opinion on the real worth of that hallowed cornerstone of the social fabric.

A third new element, appropriate to the character of "moral fable." which Stravinsky always stressed was the true nature of his opera, was the card game symbolizing the devil's overconfidence in the graveyard scene. Hogarth's scenes were in fact followed only in general outline: Anne Trulove and Baba the Turk are not in Hogarth, though they are paralleled by a devoted serving-girl and the rich, ugly widow. There are many other new details. Hogarth's A Rake's Progress becomes Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress, his generalized scenes made particular. In the same way Hockney has, magpie-like, taken the generalized elements of Hogarth's complete oeuvre, picking whatever attracted him



5. Detail from Plate 2 of Industry and Idleness, 1747.

This small background scene of a church congregation in the box-pews, typical of the period, may have suggested the madmen's boxes in Bedlam (Act III, Sc. 3). See also Illustration No. 9.

and putting it into a new, original and invariably amusing and apposite context.

Hockney has used Hogarth's works as Hogarth himself used the streets and social gatherings of eighteenth-century London to provide the sources for his paintings. Born in London in 1697, he was the son of an impoverished schoolmaster, Richard Hogarth, whose ambitions as an author were perpetually unfulfilled. Richard Hogarth lived in that part of London near Smithfield Market which also contained Grub Street, a name synonymous with a whole generation of penniless writers whose ambitions, like Hogarth senior's, exceeded their talents. As a child William suffered from his father's imprisonment in the notorious debtor's prison, The Fleet. Although there is no evidence of artistic talent in Hogarth's forebears, William early showed precocious graphic ability. Too poor to be apprenticed in the normal way to an artist's studio, he became assistant to a third-rate silversmith from whom he learned, grudgingly, the elements of silver engraving, "the lowest form of that trade." This unlikely training



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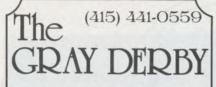
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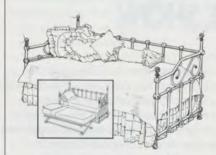
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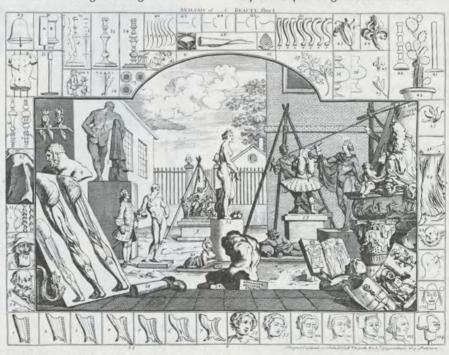
6. Detail from Plate 1 of The Four Stages of Cruelty, 1750.

Illustrates the cross-hatching technique intrinsic to Hogarth's engraving methods, from which Hockney extracted the hatching that dominates his designs. The cat being launched from a high window on two balloons reappears in Tom's drawing-room (Act II, Sc. 3).

influenced his later unconventional techiques as a print-maker, though he himself always declared that his engraving technique was rather inadequate; whenever he could afford it, he got French engravers to produce the plates for his prints.

As a painter he claimed to be selftaught, though he probably had lessons with Sir James Thornhill, the most celebrated society painter of his time, with whose daughter Hogarth

eventually eloped. He developed a remarkable visual memory, "the habit of retaining in my mind's eve whatever I design'd to Imitate, without directly drawing it at the time." It was a training that stood him in good stead when he came to "a more new way of proceeding, viz painting and Engraving modern moral Subjects, a Field unbroke up in any Country or any age." Those Modern Moral Subjects, Hazlitt's Novels in Paint, were not perhaps quite as new as Hogarth asserted. But they caught the public imagination: and Hogarth's astounding fertility of imagination, filling the corners and background of each narrative picture with innumerable direct and oblique references and comments on the subject in question, cramming hundreds of figures into scenes without ever repeating a single pose or face, brought him rapid fame. His first major sequence, The Harlot's Progress (1732), for which the original paintings are lost, was instantly pirated by other engravers. Hogarth made far less money than the success suggested. He accordingly set about having a law enacted to protect engravers' copyright, and the second series, A Rake's Progress, was held back from publication until the day that Act became law on June 25, 1735. Sequential paintings were not new:



7. The Analysis of Beauty, Plate 1, 1753. 14¾" x 19¼"

The frame from Hogarth's print is the source for elements in Hockney's drop-curtain, and numerous details from the print reappear on Bedlam's walls (Act III, Sc. 3).



 Detail from "England," Plate 2 of The Invasion, 1756.

Bubble-talk appears in several Hogarth prints, and on Hockney's drop-curtain; the flute-player reappears on Bedlam's walls (Act III, Sc. 3).

biblical painting had long covered church walls in religious sequences. Early Dutch paintings had shown that high art could deal with narrative subjects, and Jacques Callot in France had produced topical sequences before Hogarth. But it was Hogarth who took these seeds, and fertilized them with the influence of the theater (one of his earliest surviving paintings is a scene from the first production of The Beggar's Opera) and the still "immoral" novel, especially works like Richardson's Pamela and Defoe's Moll Flanders, together with the topical mood of skepticism and political irreverence epitomized in Pope's verse stories. The Dunciad, and in Swift's vitriolic satires, to weld them all into a new form of painting: in a sense he is the father of the comic strip; without Hogarth it is hard to imagine Gilray and Rowlandson; without them the art of caricature and the modern concept of political cartoons would not have developed.

The idea of a moral fable in pictures reflected other traditions and social developments. An unartistic Hanoverian monarchy coincided with the growth of a new middle-class audience, and even the poor could afford an engraving, whereas painting



9. Detail from "Credulity, Superstition and Fanaticism," 1762.

One of Hogarth's last prints, it is also one of his most venomous. The church congregation (cf. Illustration No. 5) is Breughel-like in appearance, but insane in mind, clearly related to Hockney's Bedlam (Act III,

Sc. 3). Various details reappear on Bedlam's walls, notably the Globe of Hell (top left), the Bull Roar (top right) and the fork-carrying devil in the preacher's left hand.

was always the exclusive territory of the possessive rich. Swift declared that the satirist should "laugh mankind out of its favorite follies and vices," and Hogarth acknowledges the ancient expression of that attitude in quoting Horace in an early painting: "He that joins instruction with delight/ Profit with pleasure, gains all the votes." Hogarth's friend Henry Fielding claimed that the two Progresses (a reference to The Pilgrim's Progress, by the early 1700s the most widely read book in England after the Bible and Shakespeare) were "calculated more to serve the Cause of Virtue, and for the preservation of Mankind than all the Folios of Morality which have ever been written."

One may perhaps wonder if such pious sentiments were not just another example of the familiar hypocrisy whereby the titillating description of vice is disguised as moral instruction. Certainly Hogarth painted several "before and after" paintings which range from the instructive to the frankly erotic. Be that as it may, Hogarth's fame in his lifetime sprang from the wonderful variety and skill of his illustrative talents, and it has remained so to the present century. His paintings sold badly in his lifetime,

while his engravings were in every home. He died in 1764, aged 67, an embittered and isolated misanthrope, believing his true talents, and the value of his theories on the "line of beauty" [a curving S-shape that he saw as the foundation of all natural grace] had been ignored; that his naturalistic innovations in portraiture and especially in conversation pieces, had failed to achieve for English painting the recognition it deserved in the face of fashionable French sophistication and artificiality. Recent re-evaluation has given him belated recognition in the fields he prizes; but it is still as a satirist and illustrator that he is most loved. And as an unequalled source for the fashions and foibles of 18th-century London society. He was right in believing that his Progresses, and the even finer Marriage à la Mode sequence of 1743, "may be instructive to future time when the customs manners fashions and humours of the present age may be changed." One may believe that he would have approved the use made of that instruction by Stravinsky, Auden, Kallman, and Hockney.

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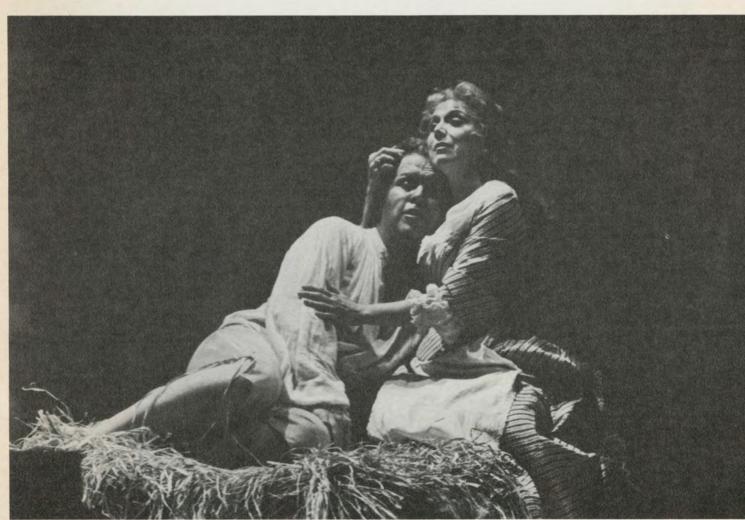
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CAST

Tom Rakewell, beloved of Anne

Anne Trulove, Trulove's daughter

Trulove, a country squire

Nick Shadow Mother Goose, keeper of a brothel

Baba the Turk, a circus bearded ladv

Sellem, an auctioneer Keeper of the madhouse Dennis Bailey*

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ACT I Scene 1: The garden of Trulove's country house

Scene 2: Mother Goose's brothel in London

Scene 3: Trulove's garden

INTERMISSION

ACT II Scene 1: A room in Tom's house in London

Scene 2: The street in front of Tom's house

Scene 3: Tom's room

INTERMISSION

ACT III Scene 1: Tom's room

Scene 2: A graveyard

Scene 3: Bedlam — the madhouse

EPILOGUE

Synopsis

THE RAKE'S PROGRESS

ACT I

Scene 1 — Tom Rakewell, a young and impecunious country gentleman, is in love with Anne Trulove, but her father the squire, though anxious for their happiness, secretly doubts Tom's strength of character. His suspicions are confirmed when Tom refuses his offer of steady employment in the city. Tom is content to put his trust in Fortune. A stranger, who announces himself as Nick Shadow, suddenly arrives with the news that an unknown uncle of Tom's has died and left him a fortune. Tom must go at once to London to take over his uncle's estate, and Shadow offers himself as Tom's servant and guide through the intricacies of London life. The question of his salary can be decided in due course — a year and a day thence. Tom shall pay him what his services prove to have been worth. Tom takes leave of Anne and her father and sets off with Shadow for London.

Scene 2 — Shadow introduces Tom to the opportunities bestowed by his new-found wealth. With whores and Roaring Boys as an appreciative audience, Tom repeats the catechism of his new creed of pleasure to Mother Goose, who presides as Lady Bishop in the ceremony of initiation. His responses are correct until a question about the meaning of love revives memories of Anne. Mother Goose persuades him to drink more deeply, and his remorse vanishes. The whores offer to help him banish his sadness, but Mother Goose claims him as her own.

Scene 3 — Months have passed but Anne has heard no news of Tom. She senses that Tom needs her and resolves to go in search of him to London.

ACT II

Scene 1 — Tom is surfeited and bored by his life in London and seeks in vain for happiness. Shadow exhorts him to marry Baba the Turk, a bearded lady and very popular entertainer. Only if he acts freely can he be happy. To be free he must defy the tyranny of appetite and duty — the bearded Baba is the antithesis of appetite, and he owes her no duty. She is therefore the perfect agent for his happiness. Tom allows himself to be persuaded by Shadow and sets off to woo and win her as his bride.

Scene 2 — Anne finds her way to Tom's house and sees him arrive, escorting a closed sedan chair. She greets him, but he begs her to return home and forget him. London is no place for her goodness and virtue. Anne reaffirms her love for Tom but leaves him when she learns that the impatient occupant of the sedan chair is Baba the Turk, now his wife. Tom leads the veiled Baba to the house. The townspeople crowd round the door begging for a glimpse of her, and in response to their excited requests, she unveils.

Scene 3 — Baba sits at breakfast with Tom among the bric-à-brac of presents given to her on a series of triumphant European tours by her countless admirers. Tom is bored and infuriates her with his indifference. She accuses him of retaining his love for Anne and rages and screams her jealousy until Tom silences her. Then he relapses into sleep the last refuge of the bored. Shadow now prepares to complete Tom's downfall by adding financial disaster to his moral and domestic ruin. He wheels in a fantastic machine for converting stones into bread. Tom wakes and tells Shadow that he has been dreaming of just such a machine. He does not realize that it is bogus, but believes that it will cure poverty and bring happiness to the wretched. Thus with good deeds he may again be worthy of Anne's love. He leaves to devote all his energies to collecting money for this noble and philanthropic scheme.

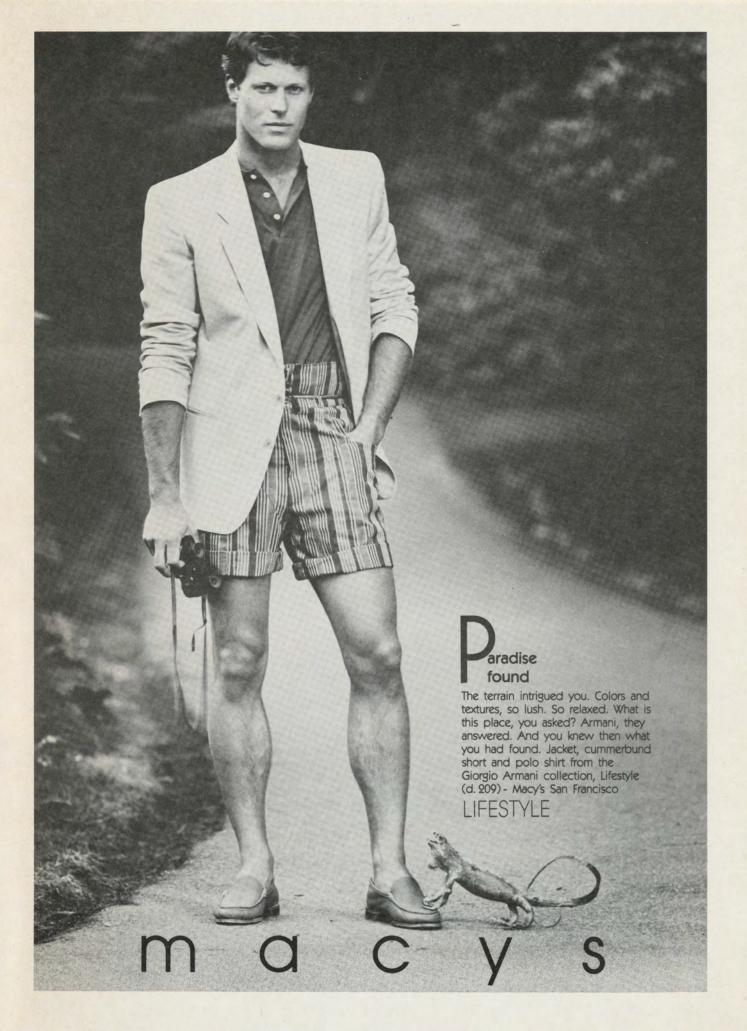
ACT III

Scene 1 — Tom's financial bubble has burst, bringing ruin to himself and to countless innocent investors in his scheme. A crowd of inquisitive townsfolk flocks to attend the auction of his belongings. Anne arrives to ask news of Tom, but no one can tell her where to find him. The auctioneer, Sellem, begins to auction the contents of the house. He offers a mysterious object. It is Baba, who springs to the defense of her belongings, unconscious of the intervening time since Tom silenced her. Tom and Nick are heard singing from the street. Anne returns at the sound of the voices. Baba tells Anne that her love may still be able to save him. Anne rushes out to seek Tom, and Baba determines to go back to her true profession, the stage.

Scene 2 — A year and a day have passed since Shadow entered Tom's service. He now claims his wages, Tom's soul. An open grave is waiting. He first offers Tom a choice of death by poison, steel, rope or gun, and then offers Tom a chance to save himself by winning a game of cards. Shadow attempts to cheat, but memories of Anne inspire Tom to win the game. Shadow is enraged at being outwitted but, though cheated of Tom's soul, takes his revenge by striking him with insanity.

Scene 3 — Tom is confined among the lunatics in Bedlam. He thinks himself to be Adonis and, when Anne comes to visit him, believes that she is Venus, whom he has long been seeking. He asks her forgiveness for so long disdaining her love. She comforts him and sings him to sleep with a lullaby. Her love is unaltered, but realizing that it is not herself whom Tom now needs, she sadly agrees to return home with her father. Tom wakes to find Venus has gone, and his heart breaks in despair. The lunatics join in mourning Adonis, Venus's beloved.

Epilogue — The principals join in pointing out the moral of the fable, that the Devil finds work for idle hands.



Profiles



DIANA SOVIERO

Lyric soprano Diana Soviero, a leading artist with the New York City Opera, makes her San Francisco Opera debut as Anne in The Rake's Progress. After studying at Juilliard, Miss Soviero sang her first Violetta with the New York City Opera in 1978, a role with which she has since become particularly identified. In 1980 she starred in the Montreal Opera's new production of La Traviata to such acclaim that she was immediately invited back to sing in a production of her choice. Miss Soviero repeated the role of Violetta in City Opera's new 1981 production of La Traviata and, in addition to her City Opera performances in New York and Los Angeles, sang at the Dallas Opera's 25th Anniversary Gala Concert, a Pittsburgh recital with the famous Italian tenor Franco Corelli, La Traviata with the Florentine Opera in Milwaukee and La Bohème in Caracas, Venezuela. The only woman ever awarded the Richard Tucker Foundation Award, Miss Soviero performed in the Richard Tucker Memorial Concert in 1980 and on WNET's Gala of Stars, taped at the Metropolitan Opera and telecast nationally over the PBS-TV network.



MIGNON DUNN

Mezzo-soprano Mignon Dunn returns to the San Francisco Opera to sing the role of Baba the Turk in Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress. She made her first appearances here in 1967 as Brangane in Tristan und Isolde, Erda in Das Rheingold and Ulrica in Un Ballo in Maschera. Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Miss Dunn studied in New York City aided by a Metropolitan Opera scholarship. She made her debut as Carmen with the New York City Opera, a role for which she is internationally acclaimed, and her Metropolitan Opera debut took place two years later. In 1979 she sang the title role in Tchaikovsky's rarely heard Joan of Arc with the Michigan Opera Theatre. 1980 saw her as Brangane with both the Hamburg State Opera and the Lyric Opera of Chicago. At the Metropolitan she was heard as Ortrud in Lohengrin, Klytemnestra in Elektra and Amneris in Aida. Scheduled for her this season are performances of II Trovatore, Tannhäuser and Die Frau ohne Schatten at the Metropolitan; and Das Rheingold, Die Walküre and Götterdämmerung in Düsseldorf. She will also portray her first Metropolitan Opera Kundry in the 1982 production of Parsifal.

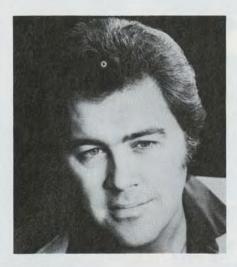


REGINA SARFATY

Regina Sarfaty, a native of New York, makes her San Francisco Opera debut as Berta in Il Barbiere di Siviglia and as Mother Goose in The Rake's Progress. Following her opera debut in 1960 with the Glyndebourne Festival Opera in Der Rosenkavalier, the mezzo-soprano maintained her residence in London. Performing mostly in Europe, she has in recent years been seen in Toulouse and Bordeaux as La Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein and in Albert Herring in Geneva. In 1980, after a long absence from the United States, she sang with the Tulsa Opera in Boris Godunov. Graduating from the Juilliard School of Music with a first prize in voice, Miss Sarfaty is also the recipient of a Rockefeller Award. She sang with the New York City Opera for four seasons and has performed with many orchestras throughout America. A favorite of Igor Stravinsky's, Miss Sarfaty has performed under his baton every work he wrote for the alto voice. Included in her repertoire are such roles as Dorabella, Dalila, Carmen and Octavian. Miss Sarfaty's current repertoire includes Klytemnestra in Strauss' Elektra, Mistress Quickly in Verdi's Falstaff, Herodias, Ulrica, the Countess in The Queen of Spades, Azucena, the Witch in Hansel and Gretel and La Cieca in La Gioconda.



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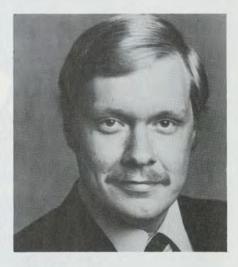
DENNIS BAILEY

Remembered by local audiences for his portrayal of Lord Darnley in Thea Musgrave's Mary, Queen of Scots with 1979 Spring Opera Theater, Dennis Bailey makes his San Francisco Opera debut as Tom Rakewell in The Rake's Progress. The tenor made his professional debut with the New Orleans Opera in 1974 in Ariadne auf Naxos. The following year he made his first appearance with the Seattle Opera as Des Grieux in Manon and was immediately asked to become a member of the Seattle company. He has appeared as a leading tenor with many companies, including the Houston Grand Opera, the Dallas Opera, Cincinnati Summer Opera and the Kennedy Center Summer Opera. In 1980 Bailey participated in a concert version of Siegfried, Act III, with the Chicago Symphony under Sir Georg Solti, and in 1981 made his debut at the Glyndebourne Festival in Ariadne auf Naxos. Throughout the 1981-82 season he performs the role of Florestan in a new production of Fidelio with the Welsh National Opera, including a telecast on the BBC. He later appears in the company's new production of Katya Kabanova with Elisabeth Söderström, also to be telecast by the BBC. Several major debuts highlight this season for Bailey: he sings Midas in Richard Strauss' Liebe der Danae with Santa Fe Opera; Bacchus in Ariadne auf Naxos with the Hamburg Staatsoper; and appears with the opera company of Nancy, France, as Erik in Der Fliegende Holländer.



DONALD GRAMM

Donald Gramm returns to the San Francisco Opera in one of his most successful characterizations, Nick Shadow in The Rake's Progress, which he originally performed in the 1975 Glyndebourne Festival production of that opera. A recitalist of note as well as an operatic performer, the Milwaukeeborn bass-baritone began his opera career with the New York City Opera, making his debut there in 1952 as Colline in La Bohème. In 1958 Gramm began his long association with the Opera Company of Boston and Sarah Caldwell. Over the years, he has sung in over 20 productions in Boston, most recently in Faust and Der Rosenkavalier earlier this year. Gramm made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 1964 in Richard Strauss' Ariadne auf Naxos, singing a number of major roles since then, including 25 performances during the 1972-73 season in Carmen, Peter Grimes, Daughter of the Regiment, Don Giovanni and The Magic Flute. The 1981-82 season includes performances as Sancho Panza in Massenet's Don Quichotte with the Chicago Lyric Opera, the title role of Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro with the Florentine Opera of Milwaukee, and Don Alfonso in a new production of Così fan tutte at the Metropolitan Opera. He also joined that company for their spring tour, singing the role of Papageno in The Magic Flute.



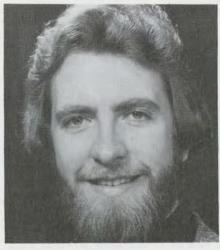
KEVIN LANGAN

Bass Kevin Langan, a native of New Jersey, returns to the San Francisco Opera as Timur in Puccini's Turandot and Trulove in The Rake's Progress. The 1980 season marked his debut with the Company, beginning with the Old Hebrew in Samson et Dalila and followed by Simon Boccanegra, Die Frau ohne Schatten, La Traviata, Arabella and Madama Butterfly. In 1981 he portrayed Masetto in San Francisco Opera's first Summer Festival production of Don Giovanni. The 1981 San Francisco Opera season featured Langan in Aida, Carmen and Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk. He has been reengaged for the third consecutive season by the Opera Company of Philadelphia, and made his Opera/Omaha debut as Sarastro in Die Zauberflöte. Recent performances have included Ashby in La Fanciulla del West with the Opera Company of Philadelphia, Don Carlo and La Traviata with the New Jersey Opera and Die Entführung aus dem Serail in Los Angeles. His orchestral engagements have included a concert version of Boris Godunov with the St. Louis Symphony, Messiah with the Houston Symphony, Rossini's Stabat Mater with the Buffalo Philharmonic and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Oakland Symphony. A past member of the Merola Opera Program, Langan was the 1980 National finalist in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions and the Florence Bruce Award winner in the Grand Finals of the San Francisco Opera Auditions.



JONATHAN GREEN

Tenor Jonathan Green appears in two roles in the San Francisco Opera 1982 Summer Festival: Pong in Puccini's Turandot and Sellem in The Rake's Progress. After winning rave reviews for his portrayal of the title role in Kurka's The Good Soldier Schweik with Spring Opera in 1980, Green has performed a variety of roles with the San Francisco Opera, including the First Priest in The Magic Flute, the Shepherd in Tristan und Isolde and Beppe in Pagliacci in the 1981 season, as well as Mitrane in Semiramide, the Teacher in Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk, Vicomte Cascada in The Merry Widow, Don Arias in Le Cid and the fool in Wozzeck last fall. He is a frequent performer with the New York City Opera, where he bowed as Don Basilio in The Marriage of Figaro in 1977. Other roles at City Opera include that of Lippo Fiorentino in Weill's Street Scene, telecast over PBS, a part in the world premiere of Miss Havisham's Fire by Argento and, most recently, in productions of La Traviata, Ariadne auf Naxos and The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein. On the roster of the 1980 and 1981 Spoleto Festivals, Green has also been heard with the Philadelphia Opera, in Kansas City and Louisville. During the San Francisco Opera's 1982 Fall season, he will be heard in Salome, The Marriage of Figaro, Dialogues of the Carmelites, The Queen of Spades and Tosca.



GREGORY STAPP

American bass Gregory Stapp appears as Achillas in Julius Caesar, a mandarin in Turandot, the High Priest of Babylon in Nabucco and the Keeper of the Madhouse in The Rake's Progress. A graduate of the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, he has appeared with both the symphony orchestra and opera company of that city. In 1980 he sang the role of Charlemagne in the American premiere of Schubert's Fierrabras with the AVA Opera Theater. Currently an Adler Fellow, Stapp was for two years the Atlantic Richfield Affiliate Artist in the San Francisco/Affiliate Artists-Opera Program. He made his Company debut during the 1980 fall season in The Magic Flute and La Traviata. During the 1980 Spring Opera season, Stapp was heard as Pluto in Il Ballo delle Ingrate, Ajax in The Cry of Clytaemnestra and Friar Lawrence in Romeo and Juliet. During the first San Francisco Opera Summer Festival in 1981, he appeared as Hans Foltz in Die Meistersinger and an Usher in Rigoletto. During the 1981 fall season, the young bass was featured in five operas: Semiramide, Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk, Le Cid, Lucia di Lammermoor and Il Trovatore. In April 1981 he appeared as a soloist with the Los Angeles Chorale in a program conducted by Kurt Herbert Adler, and this last March was a soloist in the San Francisco Symphony performances of Bach's St. Matthew Passion.



DAVID AGLER

Musical supervisor and resident conductor of the San Francisco Opera, David Agler conducts The Rake's Progress. The Chicago native made his company debut in 1979 with the English-language performances of Così fan tutte, those of Don Pasquale in 1980, L'Incoronazione di Poppea during the first Summer Festival in 1981 and Lucia di Lammermoor in the 1981 fall season. He received highest praise for Henze's Elegy for Young Lovers, Britten's Death in Venice, Kurka's The Good Soldier Schweik and Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro during the last four seasons with Spring Opera. In 1979 he led the world premiere of John Harbison's Winter's Tale to inaugurate the American Opera Project at Herbst Theatre, returning there for the AOP's second offering, Kirke Mechem's Tartuffe in 1980. Music director of the Syracuse Opera Theater, Agler was an administrator and conductor with the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto. where his credits include Menotti's Tamu Tamu and The Old Maid and the Thief, Britten's The Rape of Lucretia and the world premiere of Bruni-Tedeschi's La Giusta Causa è una Buona Ragione. In 1980, Agler made his Santa Fe Opera debut conducting The Magic Flute and Schönberg's Erwartung. Earlier this year, he made his debut with the San Francisco Symphony. His next assignment with San Francisco Opera is Tchaikovsky's Queen of Spades, scheduled for this fall.



JOHN COX

Internationally celebrated stage director John Cox returns to the San Francisco Opera to direct The Rake's Progress. He made his Company debut with Strauss' Arabella in 1980. Cox began his professional career at Glyndebourne and was named director of production there in 1972 after directing Ariadne auf Naxos. Since then, he has been responsible for Glyndebourne productions of Die Entführung aus dem Serail and La Bohème (1972); Die Zauberflöte, The Visit of the Old Lady and Capriccio (1973); Idomeneo and Intermezzo (1974); The Rake's Progress and Der Freischütz (1975); Die Schweigsame Frau (1977); new stagings of La Bohème and Die Zauberflöte (1978); La Fedeltà premiata (1979): Der Rosenkavalier (1980); and a new production of II Barbiere di Siviglia along with a revival of Ariadne auf Naxos (1981). Following early successes at Sadler's Wells and the Wexford Festival, directorial assignments took him to the United States, Italy and Belgium. He staged Werther in Vienna in 1969 and Medea in Frankfurt in 1971. In 1973 he directed Il Barbiere di Siviglia at the Kennedy Center and, later that year, for the Australian Opera. Subsequent assignments include Cavalli's L'Egisto at Santa Fe in 1974, Der Rosenkavalier with the Houston Grand Opera and Die Meistersinger with the New York City Opera. In 1977 he returned to Houston for Arabella and Tancredi and in 1980 to the New York City Opera for Don Giovanni. He has just assumed the duties of general manager for Scottish Opera, where he staged L'Egisto earlier this year.



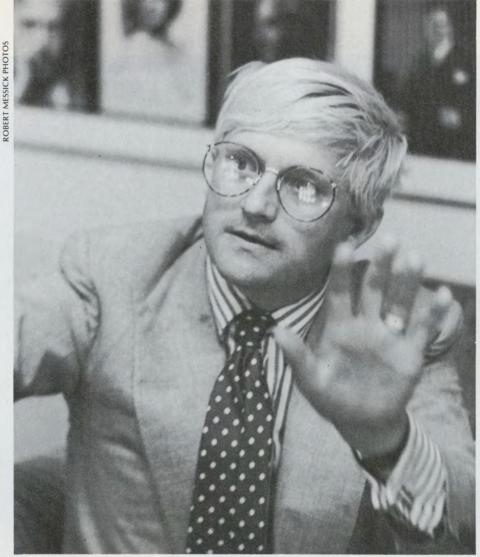
DAVID HOCKNEY

The acclaimed British artist David Hockney brings his witty stage designs for The Rake's Progress, based upon Hogarth's engravings, to the San Francisco Opera. Emerging from the Royal College of Art in the early '60s with the gold medal for his year, in 1961 he received recognition for his Graven Image exhibition in London. In 1967 he was awarded first prize in the John Moores Liverpool Exhibition, and, three years later, was honored with the first of several major retrospectives which helped to establish his reputation internationally. His first work as a stage designer was for Jarry's play Ubu Roi, which opened at the Royal Court Theatre in 1966. In 1975 he designed a ballet, Septentrion, and his first opera, the Glyndebourne production of The Rake's Progress. In 1979 that production moved to La Scala and, in 1980, he was asked to design Mozart's Zauberflöte for Glyndebourne. During that year he was also commissioned to design the sets for a French triple bill of L'Enfant et les Sortilèges by Ravel, Parade by Satie and Poulenc's Les Mamelles de Tirésias. He returned to the Met during the 81-82 season with another triple bill: Stravinsky's Le Sacre du Printemps, Le Rossignol and Oedipus Rex.



JOAN SULLIVAN

In her third year with the San Francisco Opera, associate lighting designer Joan Sullivan has designed the lighting for the Summer Festival productions of II Barbiere di Siviglia and The Rake's Progress. The 1981 season included her work on such productions as The Merry Widow, Le Cid and Il Trovatore. The preceding year's credits included Simon Boccanegra and Arabella. In a similar post with the Lyric Opera of Chicago from 1974 through 1979, Miss Sullivan worked on all the company's productions and also recreated the lighting for the Chicago production of Penderecki's Paradise Lost in the work's European premiere in 1979 at La Scala. In Chicago she also served as lighting designer for the Lyric Opera School, where her credits included Britten's Turn of the Screw and The Rape of Lucretia, Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress, Cimarosa's Il Matrimonio Segreto and Bizet's Doctor Miracle. For the Lyric Ballet she created the lighting for works by Balanchine, Jerome Robbins and Jacques d'Amboise. As lighting designer for the Kentucky Opera Association from 1978 to 1980, she designed the lighting for The Magic Flute, I Pagliacci, The Impresario and Il Trovatore. Her credits with the Virginia Opera Association include Lucia di Lammermoor, The Barber of Seville and Così fan tutte. This year, Miss Sullivan's lighting assignments included Simon Boccanegra with the Greater Miami Opera and Elektra with the New Orleans Opera.



David Hockney

Ad Hockney

By THOMAS O'CONNOR

David Hockney does not wish to discuss the opera.

Do not misunderstand. The 45-year-old English painter — whose stature as one of the leading lights on the contemporary international art scene is now long established — has considerable interest in opera. Indeed, it is his designs for *The Rake's Progress* that have brought him here and that have, for the first time, thrust his work before San Francisco Opera audiences.

But on this day Hockney has different preoccuptions. Things like photography, the visual aesthetics of life in Los Angeles, and — particularly — today's lunch.

These are the topics about which he waxes most enthusiastic during a brief San Francisco visit, one devoted primarily to working with director John Cox on the transfer of their famed production of the Stravinsky opera from its previous incarnations at Glyndebourne and La Scala to the stage of the War Memorial.

Breaking away from the tedious process of relighting the show for a huge, new stage, Hockney settles into an Opera House anteroom, grumbles about having expected to meet at a restaurant, balefully eyes the grilled

cheese sandwich that has instead been provided him for lunch, pours the first of several glasses of a crisp Italian white that will leave his disposition much improved, and eventually is persuaded to discuss how he came to design this, his first opera, in 1975.

He first did theatrical designs in 1966, for London's Royal Court Theater, a production of *Ubu Roi*, French playwright Alfred Jarry's outrageous, cartoon-like, 1896 farce that observers now cite as the beginning of 20th century absurdist theater. "It was a lot of fun," Hockney recalls, "and I thought it was rather good design, but nobody asked me to do anything else for nine years. So I thought I was not







really what the theater world wants."

Glyndebourne's John Cox evidently was not of that opinion.

"John knew my work, and he called me about The Rake's Progress in 1974. I went over to see them, and at first I said no, I didn't think I knew enough. An opera is too complicated, I said, and I had no training in stage design. But they said, 'You don't need training. You're an artist; artists are intelligent people, they can adapt themselves to anything.' And I thought, 'You're right there, absolutely right.' So I said I'd have a go at it, as long as they realized I don't mind failing."

International celebrity and years of residence abroad (currently, Los Angeles) have failed to dim the slow, thick burr of his native Yorkshire when Hockney speaks. Broadly elongated vowels slide from his tongue; "you" becomes "ye." The startling colors of his costume suggest one of his

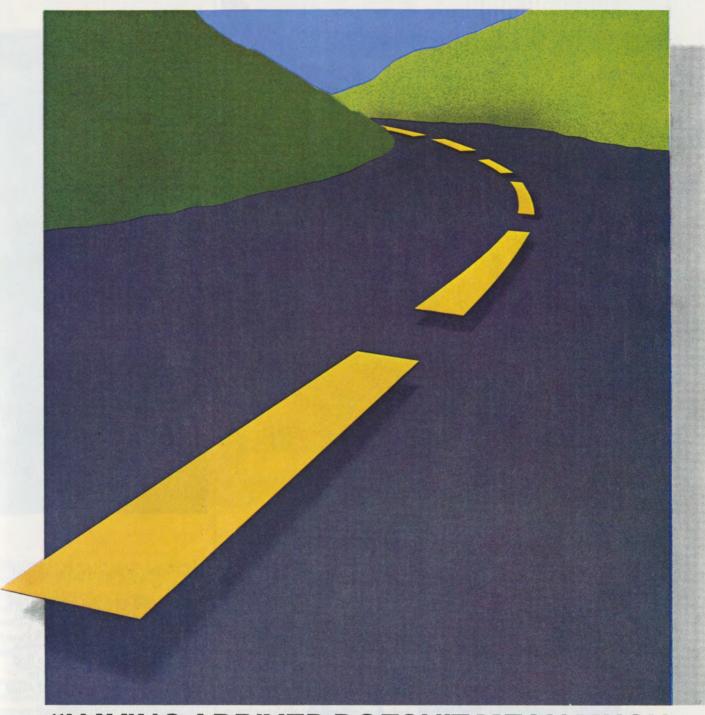
paintings: though the loud, white-dotted, red tie just fails to clash with his grey suit, it collides solidly with the thick blue and white stripes of his shirt. Blue and yellow striped socks emerge from a battered, laceless pair of shoes. Longish strands of his straight, white-blonde hair are in a general state of disarray, topped by an oversized white golfer's cap of which he is especially fond.

"I didn't really know the opera," he continues. "I'd seen it once, but I didn't remember it visually at all. So I read the libretto and loved it; it's very witty. The music, though, took me a long time to get into. But I told John I would persevere and get to know it. Now I love it, it's a great work; but the first time you hear it, you might not get it.

"The Ravel piece I did was like that," he says, referring to the L'Enfant et les Sortilèges third of the muchdiscussed triple bill he designed in 1980 for his Metropolitan Opera debut. "The first time I listened to that, I thought it was charming, but it took me another six listenings to realize that it was sublime, faultless music."

With a bit of prodding — and another glass of wine — he returns to the creation of his and Cox's version of Rake's Progress. That Glyndebourne wanted a completed design in less than six months did not concern the thentheatrical neophyte ("I'm always making miscalculations; I assumed that was plenty time enough"). He was already well acquainted with the story, having (in 1961) done etchings of his own, updated version of William Hogarth's 1735 narrative series.

"After thinking about it, I didn't feel one could ignore the 18th century. It's pastiche, a lot of it, and the story is only believable in an 18th-century context, when they thought that the



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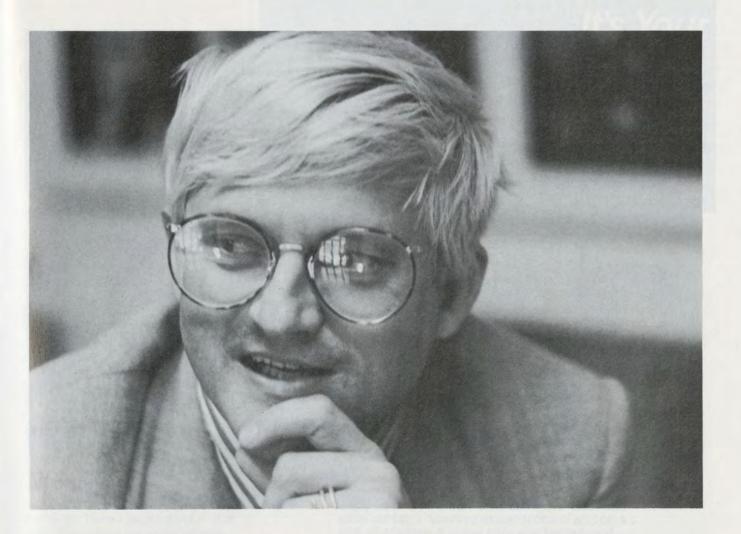
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perfectibility of man was just around the corner.

"So I told John that what we had to do was find a 20th century way to deal with this 18th century story. I looked through pictures of previous productions and was amazed to find hardly any of them had looked to Hogarth, a great and wonderful visual source. I couldn't believe it."

By this time, Hockney had invested considerable effort in listening to the opera. "It occurred to me that the music was linear and 'spikey', and I wanted to find a visual equivalent. It seems to me that if you design for the musical theater, there's no need to ignore the music; you can find visual equivalents. I realized that Hogarth is well known through engravings, which are - if you look at them closely linear. So I thought that's what we could do, work with cross-hatching of lines. Once I'd made some little models



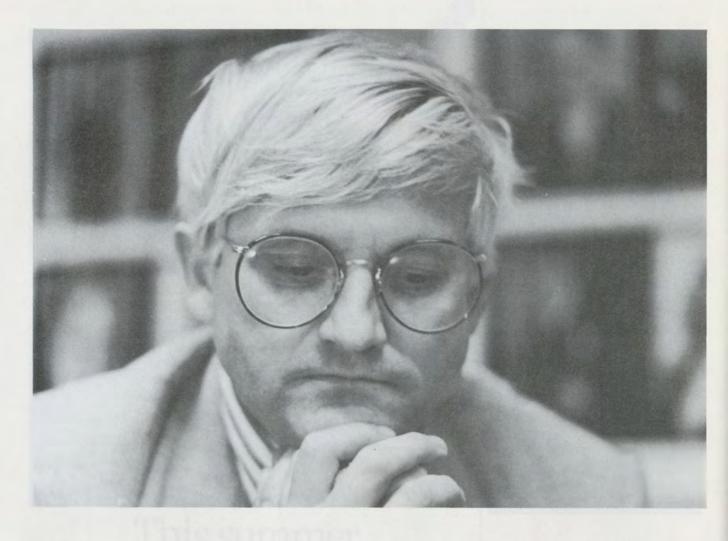
and played the music again, I realized that it does fit, that the design and music blend together. It was a marvelous way to deal with the 18th century in a stylized, 20th century way. There's no attempt at realism, just as there isn't in the music."

Between bites of the grilled cheese, to which by now he seems resigned if not enthusiastic, Hockney stresses the production's indebtedness to the original source. "Hogarth was a wonderful artist, marvelously observant. Every visual idea in this is from Hogarth. Including the Bedlam scene. If you look carefully at Hogarth's Bedlam, one of the madmen is drawing graffiti like today, but intellectual graffiti. I took the idea and expanded it. Putting the madmen in boxes was another thing. I found a picture of some paupers in boxes in another Hogarth series, and thought it was a very strong image."

Hockney may have waited nine years for his second theatrical assignment, but by the mid-1970s, the stage world was eager to embrace him. The success of Rake's Progress inspired Glyndebourne to commission Die Zauberflöte, first seen in 1978, while he did his first ballet, Septentrion, for Roland Petit. Besides the Ravel he so unabashedly loves, the French triad evening of his Met debut included Satie's Parade and Poulenc's Les Mamelles de Tirésias. His work was back on view this past season in New York with the triple bill celebrating the Stravinsky centennial: Le Sacre du Printemps, Le Rossignol and Oedipus Rex. Covent Garden has, he reveals, asked him to do a Turandot, but, though he is still weighing the offer and finds the opera tempting ("I think I could do it without the kitsch."), his current interests now draw him away from the stage.

"I'm trying to give up the theater," he says. "The problem with it is that you have to make compromises. A painter is one of the few artists that does it all alone, even finishes it off alone. When you get used to that, as I am, you compromise only with yourself. You can be as tough with yourself as you dare. But in the theater, you have to work with other people.

"The advantage I have is being able to choose what I do in the theater. I don't make my living that way. Glyndebourne originally paid me 700 pounds for The Rake's Progress; that would barely pay for the cardboard and the pencils. But I realized that in the art world, there's piles of money, and in theater, there isn't. So I just subsidize one from the other. It means I can spend more time on the theater work, because you hope you're making a real work of art, not just an entertainment."



Hockney has, he says, no interest in designing for straight drama. "I only like the musical theater. It's the music that attracts me, and it's the music that gives me the ideas. As a child, I went to the concerts and was brought up to listen, to actually hear the music. I don't like background music; I hate it, actually.

"The theater for me is a nice change, and it's fun, but I had been doing almost continuous theater work for too long. So I gave it up. I came back to California last December to paint, and then I started very suddenly on the photography."

Behind a pair of owlish-looking glasses, Hockney's deep blue eyes widen further at the mention of his current passion. "Cubist photography," he calls it, and he anticipates forthcoming shows of it in New York, Los Angeles and London with glee. "I think it's going to disturb them quite a

bit in New York," he says with unabashed mischief in his eyes.

"I had been taking photographs for 20 years, and I tended not to take it very seriously. Anybody can take photographs, really. All you need is an eye, and a lot of people have a good eye. I got to thinking about this when a museum in Paris sent a curator over to look at my photos, because they wanted to do a show of them. He was a very bright man, and we talked about photography. I told him I thought the problem with it is that, as a medium, it's too narrow. You can't be selective with it, the way the eye is selective. When we look around and see things, it's not objective. We select what we look at.

"When he left, I started playing around with the Polaroid to find out if it's possible to push photography into any other areas. And I found that it was. The technique is to look at something with two eyes, instead of

one. Looking at the world as a photographer does, you're looking with a one-eyed, frozen man. That's what I've tried to solve. It's almost a new pictorial experience. It made me realize that the camera has dominated Western art for too long. We've been looking at the world with four sides for three or four hundred years. The Chinese never do that for their landscape, they roll out. It all made me rethink modern art entirely, and I got unbelievably turned on by it."

Hockney has embraced cubism enthusiastically. "It's made me think about how to paint the visible world without one-point perspective, because it's only half-truthful that way. Cubism is a three-quarter truth, it's closer to the way we perceive things. It isn't just a style, it's a whole way of looking at the world."

He has little patience for much of what passes for modern art. "It seems emotionally barren, so much of it. We've got an art that goes on and on about some square in relation to some circle, and it all seems trivial by ' comparison to a Picasso. Yet it's taken unbelievably seriously."

The notion of an emotionally barren landscape might seem an odd one from a man who has chosen to live in the Hollywood Hills, high above Los Angeles, an urban landscape many would call barren. Hockney will hear none of that; quite simply, he is in love with L.A. "Visually, I find Los Angeles very beautiful, full of great variety. It has a proper scale to it; you were meant to go around it at 25 miles per hour. A European city is meant for walking, but L.A. was meant for driving around in an open car. In that sense, I find it stunningly beautiful at times."

Hockney mourns the recent passing of his red Fiat convertible, but has, like a true Angeleno, since acquired a Mercedes convertible. "I think it's mad not to have a convertible, because you can see a hundred times more. I don't think there's an ugly part of L.A. I'll tell you this: modern architecture has left less blight in L.A. than it has in a lot of other places. God, in Europe! Have you ever driven out of Paris to the Charles de Gaulle Airport? Look at those buildings! There's no place in L.A. that ugly. They'd have put up some palm trees and pools in L.A., and it would have been fun and pleasurable. God, it's hideous what they've done in some parts of Paris. And in London, they've put up all that daft architecture. I think Los Angeles is one of the very few cities that has not been blighted that way."

He is just warming to the subject, but the grilled cheese has long since been consumed, and the wine bottle stands empty. Hockney is reluctantly drawn back to the Opera House stage, and the 18th century world of Hogarth he has created on it. A minor host of questions will have to wait, perhaps until he figures a way to apply his newfound cubist photography to the stage.

"It'll take me a while," he says with a sly smile, "but maybe that's a good idea. Yeah, I'll have to work on that."

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Conductor: Andrew Meltzer* Director: Julian Hope

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Verdi, Nabucco

New production Performed in Italian

Olivia Stapp (6/17, 20, 22, 25), Judith Telep-Ehrlich* (6/30, 7/3), Susan Quittmeyer, Nikki Li Hartliep*/Matteo Manuguerra, Gordon Greer*, Paul Plishka, Quade Winter, Gregory Stapp Conductor: Kurt Herbert Adler Production: Gerald Freedman Set designer: Thomas Munn Costume designer: Beni Montresor Lighting designer: Thomas Munn

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Stravinsky, **The Rake's Progress**New production Performed in English

Diana Soviero*, Mignon Dunn, Regina Sarfaty/Dennis Bailey*, Donald Gramm, Kevin Langan, Jonathan Green

Conductor: David Agler Production: John Cox

Set and costume designer: David

Hockney

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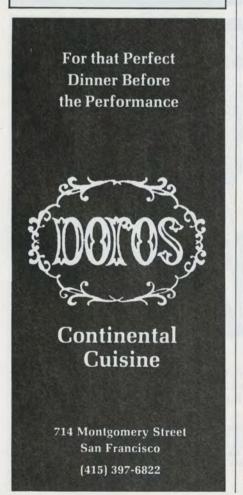


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David Hockney needn't worry about the Devil; there are too many others ready to find him a work to do. such as the San Francisco Opera, which commissioned the world-renowned artist to create a special poster in celebration of the second annual San Francisco Opera Summer Festival. Hockney, born in England but currently a resident of Southern California, is the designer of the production of The Rake's Progress that will be presented during the 1982 Festival. Inspired by Hogarth's famous series of engravings, Hockney's vision of The Rake's Progress was his first

opera production, originally created for the Glyndebourne Festival in England. Hockney later adapted the production for the larger stage of La Scala in Milan, and his lavishly praised designs for this piece are now being seen in this country for the first time.

Hockney's sets and costumes were the focus of critical comment when the production first appeared. "This production is plainly going to be known as David Hockney's," said one, while others called his designs "vividly evocative," "full of arresting, unexpected ideas" and "the most vivid new art about." Particularly singled out for mention was the Bedlam scene. Hailing Hockney's bold conception of the madhouse as "memorable," "most striking" and "hallucinatory," critics went on to say, "In presenting the

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The San Francisco Opera Summer Festival poster, designed by David Hockney, is part of an exhibit of Hockney posters on display both in the Opera Shop Gallery and the south Box Level Boutique.

inmates of Bedlam as a box-pewed congregation enclosed by walls upon which the engraving techniques have now degenerated into schizoid graffiti, Hockney achieves a visual frisson to match the dramatic situation." "In Bedlam," wrote another, "where Tom's fellow-inmates arise like spectres from their symbolic cells, we have a coup de théâtre both disturbing and poignant."

It is this memorable scene that Hockney has chosen as the basis for the 1982 Festival poster. Measuring 34 by 39 inches, the poster is available exclusively at the San Francisco Opera Shop, 199 Grove at Van Ness, for \$25. A

limited edition of the poster, signed by the artist, is also available, for \$100.

An exhibit of posters by Hockney is currently on view at the Opera Shop Gallery for the duration of the Festival. The display includes his most recent designs for the New World Festival in Miami, the Young Playwrights Festival in New York and the Barbican Center in London, plus 18 other posters. All items, including the Summer Festival poster, are available for purchase.

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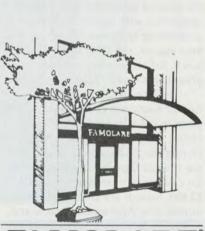
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On Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1, at 3:30 p.m. at Villa Montalvo in Saratoga, Merola Opera Program participants will perform Verdi's Rigoletto in Italian. The tuneful Verdi favorite is staged by San Francisco Opera production supervisor Matthew Farruggio and conducted by Evan Whallon, Tickets are available in both the general admission and Sponsor categories, with option dinner tickets available to Sponsors. For ticket information, call (415) 864-1377. After July 1, tickets may be ordered by phone at (415) 431-1210.

The annual San Francisco Opera Center Auditions Grand Finals will take place in the War Memorial Opera House at 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 15. During the Finals, young singers from the Merola Opera Program compete for cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Awards are also given to the outstanding Apprentice Coach, and, this year for the first time, outstanding Apprentice Director. For free tickets to this popular event, which features the full San Francisco Opera Orchestra, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Grand Finals, War Memorial Opera House, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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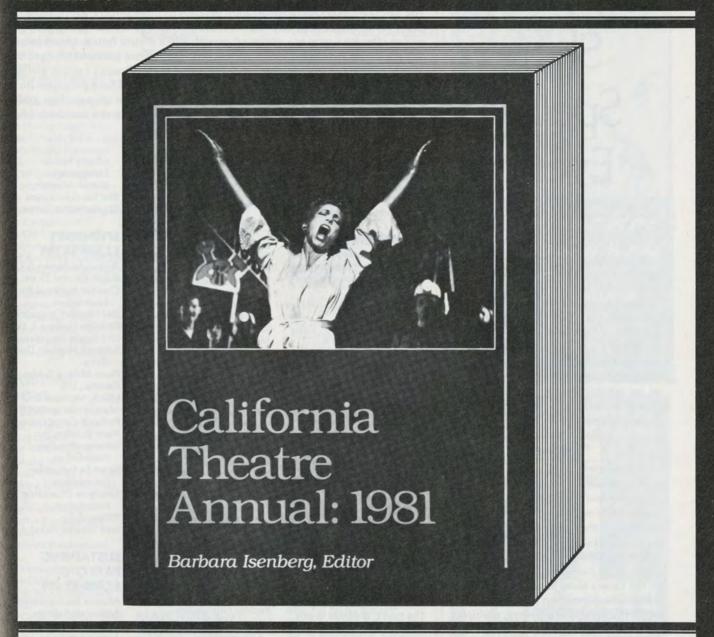
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The Opera Shop Logo Contest offers patrons a chance to win a signed Hockney poster. Participants may pick up entry forms at the Shop on Grove Street or at the Opera Shop Boutique on the mezzanine level of the War Memorial Opera House. No purchase is required; just identify the silhouettes in the Opera Shop logo. The winner will be announced on July 6; in case of more than one correct entry, multiple prizes will be awarded.

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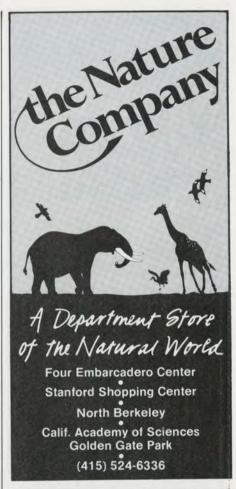
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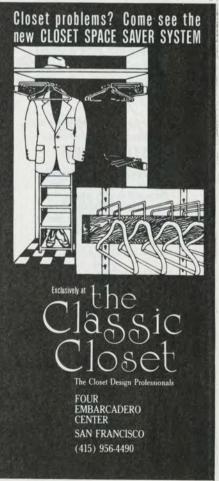
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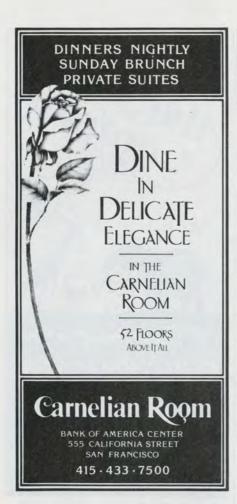
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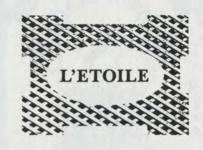
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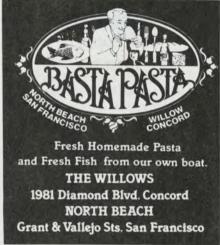
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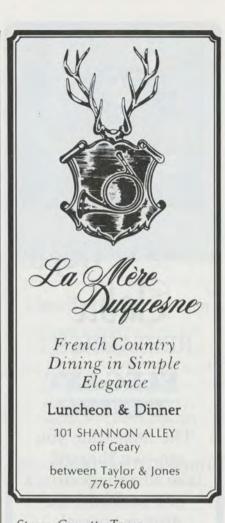
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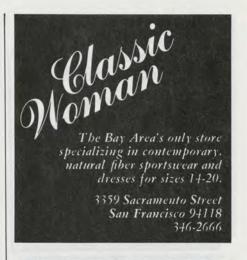
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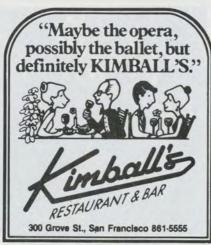
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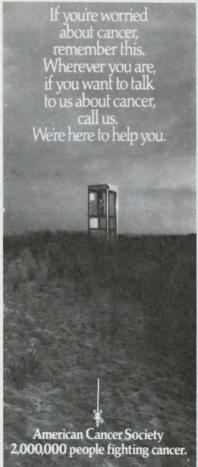
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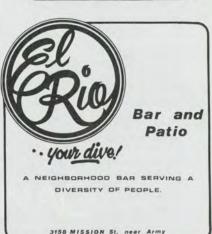
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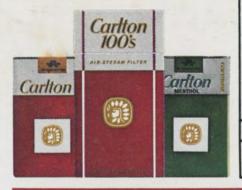
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