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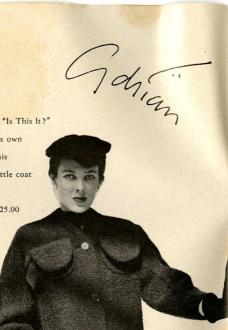
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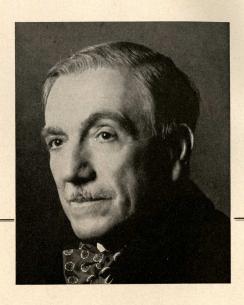
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TIME AND PLACE: About 1840; Paris and Environs

I: Drawing-room in the House of Violetta Act

Act II: A Villa near Paris

Act III: Garden of Flora's Palace Act IV: Violetta's Bed Chamber

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THE STORY OF "LA TRAVIATA"

ACT 1—A party is in progress in the salon of Violetta's home, and Alfredo, who has come with friends, succumbs to the charms and beauty of the hostess. The guests retire to an adjoining room to dance, but Violetta, who is suffering from the early stages of consumption, is prevented from joining



GAETANO MEROLA, conducting "La Traviata"

them by a severe coughing spell, and remains on the lounge to recover. Alfredo remains with her, expressing first his solicitation and then his love, which deeply touches Violetta. Later, when the guests have departed, Violetta contemplates this great new love which has come to her.

ACT II—Violetta has deserted her former life and friends, and is living most happily with Alfredo in a small country house near Paris to which they have retired. Alfredo, upon learning from Annina that Violetta has quietly been selling her jewelry to aid in defraying expenses, departs for Paris to get money with which to repay her. Alfredo's father (Germont) arrives and succeeds in persuading Violetta that she must give up Alfredo and their happiness, not only because Alfredo's

own career is threatened by this liaison, but also because its continuance will jeopardize the marriage of Alfredo's sister, for whom the father also pleads. As Germont departs, Violetta writes a note of farewell to Alfredo, but he returns before she finishes. She hides the letter and conceals her real feelings. When Alfredo tells her he has heard his father is to visit them, she departs on the pretext of leaving them alone, but sends the letter back by messenger. When Germont arrives he finds his son in despair, and vainly attempts to stir him by recalling memories of his home in "fair Provence."

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

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





BORIS GODOUNOFF

Music drama in four parts—eight scenes—by Modeste Moussorgsky. Text by the composer based on a Russian historical drama by the poet Pushkin.

THE CAST Boris Godounoff, Regent of Russia.....*NICOLA ROSSI-LEMENI Xenia, his daughter.....LOIS HARTZELL The Nurse *JUNE WILKINS Marina.....BLANCHE THEBOM The Innkeeper......ALICE OSTROWSKY The Simpleton.....JAMES SCHWABACHER A Police Officer.......YI-KWEI SZE Boyar in Waiting *ERNEST LAWRENCE YI-KWEI SZE Lovitzky..... Tcherniakowsky......GEORGE CEHANOVSKY A Boyar....*HAROLD WHITE Four Peasants.....*ARLENE McINTOSH, ELOISE FARRELL, *EDWARD NOVI, PAUL GUENTER

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TIME AND PLACE: About 1600: Moscow and Lithuanian Frontier

Part 1: Scene 1: Outside the Monastery of Novadievitch near Moscow Scene 2: Cathedral Square, Moscow

Scene 3: Lonely Cell in Monastery of the Miracle at Night, six years later

Scene 4: Inn on the Lithuanian Frontier
Part II: Scene 5: Czar's Apartment in the Kremlin
Part III: Scene 6: Park of Marina's Palace, Poland
Part IV: Scene 7: Forest of Krong near Moscow

Scene 8: Duma in the Kremlin Encores not permitted - Bell rings three minutes before curtain rises

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THE STORY OF "BORIS GODOUNOFF"

During the reign of Feodor, weakling son of Ivan the Terrible, a position of great power and responsibility was vested in Boris Godounoff, a friend of Czar Ivan. Although Boris was the all-powerful regent he was consumed with ambition and craftily caused the death of Dimitri, second son of Ivan, to



ERICH LEINSDORF, conducting "Boris Godounoff"

whom the throne would have passed on the death of Ivan. When Feodor dies, Boris goes into seclusion in a monastery. He pretends not to desire the throne but secretly orders the police to force the populace of Moscow to beg him to assume their leadership.

PART I, Scene 1—Outside the monastery walls the people, in fear of the lash of the police, urge Boris to declare himself Czar. When he pretends to be inflexible, a group of pilgrims enter and join in the supplication.

Scene 2-Boris accepts the crown and is

acclaimed by the populace.

Scene 3—Pimenn tells Gregory the story of Dimitri's assassination which so fires the imagination of the young monk that he determines to impersonate the slain royal youth and claim the throne.

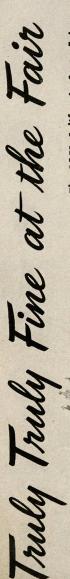
Scene 4—The false Dimitri, who has escaped, accompanied by Varlaam and Missail, two roistering accomplices, enters and after a brief fight with frontier guards narrowly escapes arrest and flees across the border.

PART II, Scene 5—Boris tries to comfort Xenia who recently lost her betrothed, and sends her and Teodoro out to seek the companionship of their friends. Left alone he bemoans his fate in "The Monologue of Boris." Prince Schouisky arrives bearing news of the uprising in Poland in behalf of the false Dimitri. Boris, overcome, is once more the prey to remorse.

PART III, Scene 6—Gregory awaits Marina with whom he is in love. Marina, with her banquet guests, comes into the garden. As they dance the Polonaise the guests toast Marina and swear to banish Boris and his Muscovite followers. In a love scene that follows Marina induces Gregory to lead the attack against Moscow.

PART IV, Scene 7—The people are in open revolt. Cries of "Death to Boris" can be heard. Dimitri, the usurper, passes through with some troops on his way to Moscow and draws the crowd with him acclaiming him their lawful Czar. As the stage is cleared, the village idiot is left sitting alone in the falling snow singing a heart-rendering ditty on the hopeless condition of Russia.

Scene 8—The Duma of Boyars is assembled to decide the punishment of the usurper. Before they consider the matter, Schouisky asks Boris, haggard from the terrible visions that are haunting him, to grant an audience with Pimenn, who is waiting outside. Pimenn relates a miracle which had happened at the tomb of the real Dimitri. He tells of how a blind shepherd, commanded in a dream to appear at Dimitri's tomb, has his vision restored when he kneels in prayer at the grave. A cry of anguish interrups the old monk. It is Boris, who falls in a faint. Regaining consciousness Boris, feeling himself dying, asks that his son be brought to him. Pointing to Teodoro as his successor he commands him to rule wisely and always protect his sister Xenia. Gasping for breath he dies in agony.



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THE STORY OF "FIDELIO"

NOTE: Florestan, a noble Spaniard and valued friend of Don Fernando, the prime minister, has incurred the hatred of Pizarro, governor of a fortress used for the confinement of political prisoners. Pizarro has gotten Florestan into his power, circulated a report of his death, and confined him in the deep-



ALFRED WALLENSTEIN conducting "Fidelio"

est of the prison's dungeons. Leonore, suspecting Pizarro, has disguised herself as a young man and, under the name of Fidelio, has secured employment in the prison where she has gained the goodwill of Rocco, chief jailer, and won the affection of Marzelline, his daughter, to the neglect of the girl's rustic lover, Jacquino.

ACT I—After Jacquino's not too well received love-making to Marzelline has had many interruptions, Leonore enters heavily laden with provisions, much to the pleasure of Rocco. Implored by Leonore, he promises to take her to the forbidden dungeons, all save one, which he dare not. Pizarro, with officers and guards, arrives. Rocco gives to him dispatches one of which warns that Don Fernando has learned of his cruelty and is about to inspect the prison. Fearing that Florestan will be discovered, he

attempts to bribe Rocco to kill him. Rocco refuses. Pizarro then orders him to dig a grave for the body. He, himself, will do the murder. Leonore overhears.



Besought by Leonore and Marzelline, Rocco permits the prisoners to leave their cells and enter the courtyard. He tells Leonore that they are to go together to the dungeons to dig a grave. Leonore believes it to be for her husband. Pizarro, returning in a fury, orders the prisoners to be taken back to their cells.

ACT II-Florestan, chained to the wall, sings of a vision of Leonore and sinks exhausted upon his stony bench. Rocco, Leonore and Pizarro come into the dungeon. In the dim light Leonore can not be sure that the prisoner, whom they think asleep, is Florestan. She and Rocco dig the grave carrying on a duodrama. Florestan raises his head and speaks to Rocco. Leonore recognizing him, falls senseless. Recovering, she implores Rocco to give Florestan the water he craves. She herself gives him a crust of bread. The grave ready, Rocco summons Pizarro. Entering, he orders that Leonore be sent away. She withdraws to the background, but springs forward as Pizarro's knife is about to descend and declaring her identity, protects Florestan's body with her own, facing Pizarro with drawn pistol. Trumpets sound the arrival of Don Fernando and Pizarro rushes away to meet him. (Scene 2) Don Fernando, with Pizarro and officers, enters the courtyard and the released state prisoners throw themselves at the Minister's feet. Rocco, with Florestan and Leonore, presses through the throng and reveals Pizarro's attempted crime. Don Fernando orders that Leonore herself shall unlock the fetters from her husband. And happiness comes to all save Pizarro, to him disgrace.

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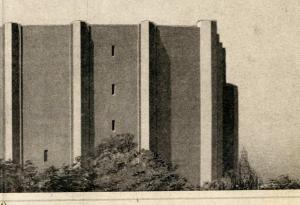
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TIME AND PLACE: About 1830: Paris

Act 1: Garret of the Bohemians Act II: Terrace of the Cafe Momus Act III: A City Gate of Paris

Act IV: Same as Act I

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TIME AND PLACE: About the middle of the Eighteenth Century; Spain and Italy

1: Scene 1: Room in the House of Marquis of Calatrava

Scene 2: An inn at Hornacuelos

Act II: The Cloister of the Monastery of Hornacuelos

Act III: Scene 1: A Soldiers' Camp at Velletri, Italy Scene 2: Desolate Farm House in Velletri

Act IV: Scene 1: Same as Act II

Scene 2: A Solitary Spot near the Monastery

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ACT I—Don Alvaro, a young prince of India, and Leonora, daughter of the Marquis of Calatrava, plan to elope. They are discovered by the Marquis, and in the altercation which follows Avaro's pistol is accidentally discharged killing the Marquis. (Scene 2). Parted from Alvaro in their flight Leonora, in male attire, stops at an inn at Hornacuelos to which her brother, Don Carlo, disguised as a student, has come in pursuit of the eloping lovers. She flees the place in the confusion which follows the announcement that Italy and Spain have declared war.

ACT II—Leonora, believing Alvaro has deserted her, seeks refuge in the monastery at Hornacuelos, confessing all to Father Guardiano. He grants her sanction as a hermit in a cave near the monastery. The monks gather to consecrate Leonora's penitence. Laying a curse on any who may seek the stranger's identity, the monks are warned to shun the cave unless summoned by a bell.

ACT III—Alvaro, thinking Leonora dead, had enlisted under an assumed name at the outbreak of the war. He chances upon a quarrel and finds Don Carlo sorely wounded. As the two had never met, there is no recognition and a close friendship is developed. In a following battle Alvaro is seriously wounded. Fearing death he begs Don Carlo to destroy the letters to be found in a sealed casket among his effects. But Alvaro does not die and Carlo, his suspicions aroused by the mention of Leonora's name, searches Alvaro's kit and finds a picture of his sister. When Alvaro recovers, Don Carlo reveals his identity and demands vengeance for the dishonor to his family. Alvaro strives to convince Carlo he is guiltless of wronging Leonora and refuses to fight. Carlo then tells him that Leonora still lives and threatens to take her life instead. In the duel which follows Alvaro is victorious but, recognizing the force of destiny, enters the monastery of Hornacuelos.

ACT IV-After five years' search Don Carlo finds Alvaro, now Father Raphael, and attempts to taunt him into fighting. The priest refuses, even



KURT HERBERT ADLER conducting "La Forza del Destino"

prostrating himself to petition peace. But, goaded by insults, he at last grasps the offered sword and they rush off to unconsecrated ground to duel, seeking the hillside where, unknown to either, Leonora abides in solitary misery. (Scene 2.) Leonora has come from the cave to implore heaven for the thousandth time to let her die, but is driven back by a breaking storm just as the two men come upon the scene. Again Alvaro vanquishes Don Carlo who falls wounded unto death. Leonora, aroused, hurries from her hermitage, and sounds the alarm. Recognizing Alvaro she rushes to embrace the dying Carlo who, relentless and unforgiving, stabs her. Father Guardiano, summoned by the alarm, surrenders Leonora, dying, into the arms of Alvaro, who curses the mockery of destiny which leaves him, the only guilty one, unpunished.

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TIME AND PLACE: About 1900; Nagasaki, Japan

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1: Scene 1: A Forest near Monsalvat Scene 2: Hall in Temple of the Holy Grail

Act II: Scene 1: Court of Klingsor's Castle Scene 2: Enchanted Garden of Klingsor's Castle

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PREFACE-"Parsifal is the legend of the Holy Grail, the cup that caught the blood from the side of Christ on the cross and He blessed. The cup and the sacred spear that pierced the side of Christ came into the custody of Titurel and the Knights of the Holy Grail who have guarded them in their Temple of Montsalvat atop the Pyrenees. Becoming old, Titurel had appointed his son, Amfortas, keeper of the Grail. Angry at not having been made a knight of the Grail, Kingsor, a sorcerer, had built a magic castle and garden near the castle of the Grail. Under his spell he had brought Kundry, who in a previous incarnation had mocked at Christ on the cross, and surrounded her with maidens of ravishing beauty to lure the Knights to their downfall. In ordinary existence Kundry is an uncouth and penitent creature bent only on service to the Grail, but under the spell of Klingsor, is transformed into a defiant and beautiful woman whose blandishments none can resist. Amfortas, in an attempt to vanquish the sorcerer had himself fallen to her wiles and while in her arms had been robbed of the sacred spear by Klingsor and with it wounded in the side, He had returned to the castle heavy with remorse and stabbed by pain. But he cannot die nor can his wound be healed until it is touched by the sacred spear in the hands of a "guileless fool" to be brought by heavenly messengers.

ACT I, Scene 1-Gurnemanz and the esquires awaken and kneel to offer up their morning prayers. Kundry, penitent now, comes with a balsam from India to heal Amfortas' wound. Amfortas is borne by in a litter. He accepts the balsam but does not hope for a cure until the "guileless one" comes. Gurnemanz here relates the story of the Grail and the wounding of Amfortas. Suddenly a wounded swan falls among them and Parsifal appears. Gurnemanz rebukes him for killing the swan, for all birds and animals are sacred near the Grail. He confesses to having shot the swan but says that he sees no wrong in it. Gurnemanz is impressed by his innocence. Kundry startles Parsifal by telling him that his mother had died since he left home. Astounded, he seizes Kundry and attempts to strangle her but Gurnemanz prevents him from doing her harm. Again Parsifal sees no wrong in his act. Gurnemanz is still more impressed and thinking he may be the Promised One invites the youth to go with him to the temple of the Grail.

Scene 2-The Knights are about to celebrate the feast of communion. Amfortas is brought in. The aged Titurel commands him to unveil the Grail which gives spiritual strength to all who look upon it. Amfortas feels that he is un-



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worthy and begs to be spared both the spiritual and physical pain but finally obeys. The Knights drink from their goblets and eat bread. Parsifal does not join in the communion. The Grail is covered again and all withdraw except Gurnemanz and Parsifal. The former now believing that the youth is nothing but a stupid fool warns him against further shooting of swans and ejects him.

ACT II, Scene 1-Klingsor knowing that his power is threatened by the "guileless fool" awakens Kundry from her sleep. He mocks the obedient, half-rebellious woman because of her remorse and orders her to exert all her wiles to lure Parsifal, Darkness falls; the castle sinks; enchanted gardens appear.

Scene 2—The lovely maidens who people the gardens bewail the slaughter of their lovers. Parsifal scales the wall. Arraying themselves in flowers, the maidens attempt to beguile him. But he does not succumb to temptation. Kundry, now bewitchingly beautiful, lies in wait for him. She tells him of his father and mother and he sinks down at her feet. Her arms around him she presses her kiss upon his lips. For the first time the youth knows passion and feels what he thinks is the wound of Amfortas in his own breast. Now, knowing how Amfortas was lured to sin in love's gardens, he comes to his feet, his eyes opened at last, and denounces Kundry. She suffers intense grief but Parsifal tells her that if he sinned with her he too would be damned. Klingsor appears and hurls his spear at Parsifal. But a miracle happens. It hangs in mid-air. Parsifal seizing the spear makes with it the sign of the cross and Klingsor and his castle are destroyed. Kundry falls insensible, Parsifal disappears.

ACT III, Scene 1—Years have passed. Parsifal, wandering, ever holds to the sacred spear. The aged Gurnemanz finds Kundry in a thicket almost lifeless. He revives her. She has repented and has consecrated herself wholly to the service of the Grail. Parsifal comes with the spear. Gurnemanz recognizes him as the "guileless one" and is overjoyed. Kundry humbly washes his feet and dries them with her hair. Gurnemanz annoints him. Parsifal baptizes Kundry exhorting her to trust in God. He sings of the country's beauty. It is Good Friday and the Knights pray. Parsifal is arrayed in a robe of the Grail Knights.

Scene 2—Titurel is dead and his body is brought in with the Grail. Once more the cup is to be unveiled. Amfortas again shrinks in agony from looking upon the Grail. He pleads with the Knights to slay him and release him from his terrible pain. But now Parsifal enters and touches the wound of Amfortas with the spear. Instantly it heals. Titurel, coming back to life for a moment, sees Parsifal kneeling before the Grail. Kundry dies forgiven. A dove descends and hovers over the head of Parsifal—the new keeper of the Grail.



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ACT II—Romeo ascends to Julier's balcony. Juliet comes from her chamber and the long love scene begins. It is interrupted by Gregorio and Capulet retainers who have been warned of an intruder. Finding no one, they depart in anger. The lovers continue in bliss until Gertrude warns of the approaching dawn.

ACT III—Romeo, entering the cell of Friar Laurent, tells of his love for Juliet and their desire for a clandestine marriage. Juliet soon follows and the Friar, seeing in their union a healing of the feud between the two houses, performs the ceremony. (Scene 2) Stephano, in search of Romeo, sings an impudent song before the house of Capulet. It brings Gregorio in fury into the street. Stephano continues his taunting and in the general fighting which follows, both Capulets and Montagues coming upon the scene, Mercutio is wounded by Tybalt, who in turn, is killed by Romeo. The Duke of Verona, with his retinue, arrives. Romeo is sentenced to exile and escaping death only that he fought fairly, vows to see Juliet once more at all hazards.

ACT IV—Romeo has found a way into Capuler's house and comes to bid Juliet goodbye. Juliet pardons him the death of Tybalt and their farewells continue throughout the night. (Scene 2) Capulet, with Friar Laurent, comes to tell Juliet that her marriage with Paris must straightway take place. The Friar, when she would protest, cautions Juliet to silence. Capulet departs and the Friar, staying her desperate hand and descending dagger, gives Juliet a phial

containing a potion which he tells her will cause a sleep resembling death for two and forty hours and admonishes that she take it at the hour of the marriage.

ACT V—Romeo forces his way into the Capulet vault. Perceiving the body of Juliet on her tomb and believing her dead, he drinks poison. Juliet, the effects of the sleeping potion having worn off, arouses. It is too late. Romeo, tottering, tells her of his fatal draught. Juliet, drawing a dagger from its sheath, pierces her breast and the houses of Capulet and Montague are united in death.



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THE STORY OF "OTELLO"

ACT I—Cirizens and soldiers are gathered to greet the ship of Otello returning victorious through a raging storm. Otello, brought ashore in a small boat, announces that the Turkish fleet has been destroyed and enters the castle to meet the awaiting Desdemona. lago, determined to gain the power that



FAUSTO CLEVA, conducting "Otello," "Manon," and "Tosca"

is now Otello's, and Roderigo, who desires Desdemona, ply Cassio with wine. Brain-befuddled Cassio is adroitly led to quarrel with Montano, who is wounded, and the disturbance becomes a riot. Otello, emerging from the castle, quells the uproar and in punishment relieves Cassio of his command.

ACT II—Iago, in furtherance of his plan to overthrow Otello, urges Cassio to enlist the aid of Desdemona in the effort to gain back his post. Cassio goes in search of her. Iago bids Otello watch his wife, cunningly awakening his jealousy. The Moor seeks out Desdemona and questions her. She innocently pleads the cause of Cassio and Otello's jealous suspicions take definite form. Desdemona endeavors to wipe his perspiring brow with a handkerchief which was his first gift to her. In anger he

tears it from her hand. Emilia picks up the handkerchief, but is forced to surrender it to Iago as Otello berates the bewildered and alarmed Desdemona. Following the scene with Desdemona, Iago adds to the flame of Otello's jealousy when he tells him that he has seen Desdemona's handkerchief in Cassio's possession. The Moor's rage leaps out of bounds. Iago offers to help him to vengeance and they take the oath to punish the guilty.

ACT III—Otello takes no interest in the announced arrival of Lodovico, Venetian ambassador. He thinks only of his wife and her presumed perfidy. The puzzled Desdemona evades her husband when he seeks to borrow the lost handkerchief. Cassio enters seeking forgiveness. Iago bids Otello hide, and contrives, by half-audible conversation with Cassio, to permit the Moor to hear only that which will inflame his suspicions. Cassio, in innocence, produces the handkerchief saying he had found it in his rooms. Otello goes mad with jealous anger and at Iago's suggestion grimy plots to strangle Desdemona in the bed he believes she has dishonored. Lodovico arrives and proclaims that Otello has been called to higher honors in Venice. Otello announces his departure for the morrow, but unable to control his anger, publicly berates Desdemona. The populace hail Otello in his new honor, but are silenced by Iago.

ACT IV—As she retires, the heartbroken Desdemona tells the wondering Emilia the despairing story of a lover lost in maidenhood. Otello enters and charges the now awakened Desdemona with an intrigue with Cassio. Refusing to accept her denial he grips strangling hands about her throat as the alarmed Emilia gains entrance. Emilia's screams summon the people. Otello denounces the woman he has killed, showing the handkerchief in proof. But Emilia explains its false evidence and the remorseful Otello ends his unhappy life.

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MANON

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THE CAST

Manon Lescaut	BIDU SAYAO
Chevalier des Grieux	*FRANS VROONS
Lescaut, Manon's cousin	FRANCESCO VALENTINO
Count des Grieux	
Guillot Morfontaine a roué	ALESSIO DE PAOLIS
De Brétiany a nobleman	GEORGE CEHANOVSKY
Pousette	LOIS HARTZELL
Javotte	YVONNE CHAUVEAU
Rosette	EILEEN BALDWIN
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TIME AND PLACE: 1721; Amiens, Paris, Havre

1721; Amiens, Paris, Havre
Act 1: Courtyard of an Inn, Amiens

Act II: Boudoir, in Manon's House, Paris Act III: Anteroom in Seminary of Saint Sulpice Act IV: Gambling Salon, Hotel Transylvanie

Act V: Road to Havre

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ACT I—Lescaut, a bibulous officer of the guard, is waiting the coming of a coach bearing Manon, his cousin, who is being sent to a convent in his care. On her arrival, Guillot Morfontaine, an old roue, who is at the inn with a party, takes a fancy to the petite and pretty Manon and pays her court. Amused but flattered, Manon rejects his advances and he is called away by Bretigny, his traveling companion. Among those who have been attracted by Manon is young Chevalier des Grieux on his way to begin study for the priesthood. He approaches and pays his addresses, Manon, not liking the prospect of life in a convent, accepts his proposal and suggests an elopement to Paris. They use Guillot's coach for the purpose.

ACT II—Des Grieux and Manon are living in an apartment in Paris. Des Grieux writes for his father's consent to his marriage with Manon and goes out to post the letter. The capricious Manon, having found that the modest style of their menage hardly meets with her desires, listens to the advances made to her by Bretigny, who promises a life of luxury. It ends by her conniving in a scheme, planned by the elder Des Grieux, for carrying off the son from his questionable surroundings. However, she cannot leave without regret, for she knows how deeply Des Grieux loves her. And when he returns from posting the letter and rells her of a dream that has come to him, it is with a heavy heart that she thinks of their separation. A knock at the door halts the dream narrative. Manon, suddenly repentant, vainly tries to prevent her lover's capture.

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ACT III-Manon, as the mistress of Bretigny, is admired and feted. During an entertainment she has overheard a conversation between Bretigny and the elder Des Grieux from which she learned that the latter's son is a novice at Saint Sulpice, and seized with a sudden return of her old love she has hastened to the seminary. But the father is before her. He does his utmost to persuade his son from taking up the holy life. Des Grieux stubbornly refuses and seeks the sanctity of his cell. Manon arrives and sends for him. Des Grieux prays for strength to resist her sensuous pleadings. It is in vain and he flees the monastery with her.

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ACT IV—That Manon may have her love and still satisfy her craving for luxury, she persuades Des Grieux to gamble. In a fashionable temple of chance he wins large sums from Guillot, who revenges himself by denouncing Des Grieux as a cheat and Manon as an accomplice. Des Grieux and Manon are placed under arrest. The former is released through his father's influence but Manon is sentenced to deportation.

ACT V—Des Grieux is waiting for Manon to pass on her way to the ship that is to carry her into her exile. She approaches and, exhausted by the harsh treatment and illness, falls by the wayside. Lescaut restrains Des Grieux from attacking the guard and himself disappears with the sergeant that Manon may find peace in her lover's arms.

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Rigoletto, a hunchback, jester to the Duke.	ROBERT WEEDE
Gilda, his daughter	LILY PONS
Duke of Mantua, a titled profligate	JUSSI BJOEKLING
Sparafucile a hired assassin	DEZSO ERNSTER
Maddalena, his sister	HERTA GLAZ
Count Monterone	DESIRE LIGETI
Count Ceprano	COLIN HARVEY
Borsa	ALESSIO DE PAOLIS
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ARMANDO AGNINI, Technical Director TIME AND PLACE: Sixteenth Century; Mantua and Vicinity Act 1: Ballroom in the Duke's Palace

Act II: A Street Outside Rigoletto's House Act III: Hall in the Duke's Palace

Act IV: Ruined Inn in a Lonely Spot-Sparafucile's Home

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ACT I—The court of the Duke of Mantua is a place of debauchery. Rigoletto, a hunchback jester, whose biting wit has made him many enemies among the courtiers, panders to the Duke's depravity. The jester has a daughter, Gilda. But knowing so intimately the follies of his time he has kept her in a far quarter of the city to hide her face and person from his profligate associates. The Duke, however, has seen her several times in church and, disguised as a student, has won her love. The curtain rises on a fete in the palace of the Duke, who tells his confidant, Borsa, of the unknown beauty. But charms at hand are not to be overlooked and he courts the Countess Ceprano under the very eyes of her husband. Marullo has discovered Rigoletto's secret but believes Gilda to be his mistress. He plans with the courtiers for her abduction to avenge themselves on the jester. Montrone, who has lost his wife and daughter to the Duke, comes to the fete and pronounces a father's curse on Rigoletto and his master much to the terrification of the hunchback.

ACT II—Rigoletto hurriedly steals to the house where Gilda is kept secluded. He meets Sparafucile, a professional killer, and promises to bear him in mind should he wish to make away with any enemies. Entering the courtyard of his home, Rigoletto embraces Gilda tenderly and, remembering the curse, commands her never to leave the house. As they talk the Duke, in student's guise, slips in to the courtyard through connivance with Gilda's maid. The Duke and Gilda are exchanging vows following the departure of Rigoletto, when they hear approaching voices and the Duke hurries away. Rigoletto meets the party of courtiers who have come to carry out their plan for the abduction of Gilda. To mislead him they ask his aid in abducting the Countess Ceprano, Rigoletto submits to blindfolding and holds the ladder down which they carry Gilda. Left alone he removes the blind and realizes that he has been duped.

ACT III—The Duke, having returned to the hunchback's home to find his bird flown, is now back at the palace disconsolate. Informed that Rigoletto's "Mistress" has been captured and is in the next room he hastens in to her. Rigoletto enters and, despite pitiable jocular attempts at concealment, breaks

down and heartbroken admits the abducted girl to be his daughter. The door opens and Gilda rushes into his arms as he vows vengeance on the Duke.



PIETRO CIMARA, conducting "Rigoletto"

ACT IV—To prove the Duke's falseness to Gilda who still loves him, Rigoletto takes her to Sparafucile's inn where she hears her lover with Maddalena, the inn-keeper's sister. Heartbroken she goes away with her father to prepare for flight from the city. Rigoletto returns and bargains with Sparafucile for the murder of the Duke. Gilda, beaten back to the inn for shelter from a storm which has arisen, hears Sparafucile promise Maddalena to spare the Duke's life if another person comes to the inn who might be murdered in his stead, Gilda enters, is killed' and her body, in a sack, is delivered to Rigoletto.

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Text by Meilhac and Halevy, after Prosper Merimee's Romance

THE CAST	
Carmen	BLANCHE THEBOM
Don Jose	RAMON VINAY
Micaela	UTA GRAF
Micaela	DAIDH HEDREDT
Escamillo, the Toreador	RALPH HERDERT
Frasquita)	LOIS HARTZELL
Frasquita	ALICE OSTROWSKY
Mercedes	ALESSIO DE PAOLIS
Dancairo Smugglers	CEORCE CEHANOVSKY
Remendado	GEORGE CEMAINOVSKI
Morales, an officer	WINTHER MINDERSEIN
An Innkeeper, Guide, Soldiers, Citizens, Boys, Ciga	rrette Girls, Gypsies, Smugglers.
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ARMANDO AGNINI, Technic	cal Director
TIME AND PLACE: About 1820; Seville, Spain	
Act 1: Courtyard of Cigaret	te Factory
Act II: A Tavern in Suburbs	S NE L.
Act III: A Rocky Pass in the	Mountains at Night
Act IV: Square at Entrance t	to Bull Ring

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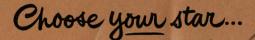
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