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Puccini's Madam Butterfly

San Francisco War Memorial Opera House

Sunday, November 14, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

Discounted group rate (\$87 ticket; regular \$107)
Orchestra Ring section (ground level)

\$130/person, bus and ticket
(round trip 47-passenger bus from Grass Valley to San Francisco)

\$87/person, if not riding the bus.

Puccini's Madam Butterfly is the great tragic love story that returns in a classic new-to-San Francisco production by Broadway legend Harold Prince (*Sweeney Todd*, *The Phantom of the Opera*). Svetla Vassileva sings the title role in October, a young Japanese geisha who falls for a charismatic but callous American sailor (tenor Stefano Secco). The Times of London praised the soprano's "beautifully free and unencumbered voice...capable of the most intimate pianissimo but also riding the whole orchestra with ease." Daniella Dessì, a singer praised by Opera News for her "penetrating, extravagant, unabashedly emotional" voice, sings the title role for November performances.

Prince's staging, created for Lyric Opera of Chicago and infused with touches of traditional Japanese theater, "remains one of the most beautiful in Lyric's repertory" (Opera News). Music Director Nicola Luisotti "mixes Puccini's colors strongly and fearlessly, so that the collision of East and West is even more menacing than Puccini knew" (The Times of London).

Approximate running time: 3 hours. Sung in Italian with English Supertitles

Lyric Opera of Chicago production, made possible, in part, by Elizabeth and Burgess Jamieson.

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No. of opera tickets plus bus transportation: _____ (**\$130/ea.**) No. of opera tickets only: _____ (**\$87/ea.**)

Make check payable to **CATS**. Send check to CATS, 228 Commercial Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 (reference: Madam Butterfly). All reservations will be confirmed and boarding bus information to be advised. Questions? Call Jeannie at 530-265-2990 or e-mail info@catsweb.org