



IMAGE CREDIT: GEORGES ANTONI

Madame Butterfly

OPERA AUSTRALIA

BRIEF SYNOPSIS:

Puccini
A man enchanted by the beauty of the East.
A woman in love with the promise of the West.
Separated by a vast ocean and many years, what will become of their love?
Madame Butterfly is a love story that reaches across cultures, across oceans, across time.

U.S Naval officer B.F. Pinkerton is ashore in Japan, and enchanted with its beauty and freedoms. He decides to take a wife, and when the gorgeous geisha Butterfly arrives, he is transfixed by her charms. She falls hopelessly in love, and a passionate marriage begins.

Years later, Pinkerton has returned home. Abandoned by her family, Butterfly waits faithfully for her husband to return Dawn breaks on a ship in the harbour. What will become of her great hope?

Puccini’s popular opera inspired the musical, Miss Saigon. It is filled with gorgeous music, from the lovers’ first rapturous embrace to the intense finale. It features the famous aria ‘One Fine Day’ and the Humming Chorus, along with Japanese and American musical themes.

One of Australia’s greatest theatrical minds, John Bell, directs this English-language production, complete with beautiful costumes and sets.

Hear Opera Australia’s wonderful singers perform with a chamber orchestra, along with a children’s chorus, drawn from local communities.

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“As dramatic and full-blooded account of Puccini’s masterpiece that you could hope for”

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DATE/PERFORMANCE TIME:
Wednesday 21 August, 2019 at 7:30pm

COST:
\$17 per student, with 1 teacher free with 10 students

DURATION:
2 hours, 30 minutes (including 20 min interval)

AGE RECOMMENDATION:
Ages 12+

WARNINGS:
Madame Butterfly contains themes that may not be appropriate for young children

CURRICULUM LINKS:
The Arts- Drama; The Arts- Music; C & C T

RESOURCES:
Education Resource Pack for Year 11 & 12’s available.

WORKSHOPS:
We are able to run workshops tailored to your requirements. Some of our popular workshops in other venues are:
- Vocal Masterclass
- Technical Production Workshop
Musical Workshop (specific instrument depending on your requirements)

