

GIACOMO PUCCINI'S *THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST*

Links to resources and lesson plans related to Puccini's opera, *The Girl of the Golden West*.

The Aria Database: *La fanciulla del West*

<http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521856881&ss=exc>

Information on 5 arias for *La fanciulla del West*, including roles, voice parts, vocal range, synopsis, with aria libretto and translation.

Associated Content: "Opera Guide and Synopsis: La Fanciulla Del West, by Giacomo Puccini"

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/2285233/opera_guide_and_synopsis_la_fanciulla.html

This article gives a brief introduction to the opera, lists all the characters and their voice types, and provides a lengthy synopsis.

Cambridge Studies in Opera: "The Puccini Problem"

<http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521856881&ss=exc>

Excerpt from Alexandra Wilson's book, "The Puccini Problem" with .pdf download.

Examiner, New York: Opera Preview: La Fanciulla del West

<http://www.examiner.com/metropolitan-opera-house-in-new-york/opera-preview-la-fanciulla-del-west>

This advertisement for the Metropolitan Opera's 2010 production gives an overview of the opera.

Giacomo Puccini's La Fanciulla del West: 100th Anniversary of World Premiere

<http://fanciulla100.org/>

Website to be launched in 2010 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of La Fanciulla del West.

Glimmerglass Opera: *La fanciulla del West*

http://www.glimmerglass.org/Productions/production_PDFs/La%20Fanciulla%20del%20West.pdf

Photos of Glimmerglass Opera's 2004 production of *La fanciulla del West*, co-produced with New York City Opera.

Grisham College: "Puccini and New York"

<http://www.gresham.ac.uk/event.asp?PageId=45&EventId=570>

Lecture transcript and video for 2007 Grisham College lecture by Professor Roger Parker on "Puccini and New York," highlighting Puccini's work composing *La fanciulla del West* and the Metropolitan Opera premiere.

IMSLP / Petrucci Music Library: *La fanciulla del West*

[http://imslp.org/wiki/La_fanciulla_del_West_\(Puccini,_Giacomo\)](http://imslp.org/wiki/La_fanciulla_del_West_(Puccini,_Giacomo))

Read online or download full music scores and vocal scores for *La fanciulla del West*, music by Giacomo Puccini.

Internet Archive: *La fanciulla del West* (The girl of the golden West) (1910)

<http://www.archive.org/details/lafanciulladelwe00pucc>

Read online or download .pdf of libretto for Puccini's opera, *La fanciulla del West*

Internet Archive: Puccini: *Fanciulla del West* opening (von Matacic, cond.)

<http://www.archive.org/details/PucciniFanciullaDelWestOpeningvonMatacicCond>

Open Source audio for opening of Puccini's opera, *La fanciulla del West*, conducted by von Matacic.

Internet Archive: Puccini: *Fanciulla del West* opening (Maazel, cond.)



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<http://www.archive.org/details/PucciniFanciullaOpeningTrackmaazelCond>.

Open Source audio for opening of Puccini's opera, *La fanciulla del West*, conducted by von Maazel.

Lyric Opera of Chicago: *The Girl of the Golden West*

<http://www.lyricopera.org/tickets/production.aspx?performanceNumber=9809>

This is Lyric Opera of Chicago's page for its 2010 production of *La Fanciulla del West*. It includes a video preview, advertisement information, and excerpts from reviews.

Mark Ronan's Theatre Reviews: "*La Fanciulla del West (Girl of the Golden West)*, Opera Australia, Sydney Opera House, July 2010"

<http://markronan.wordpress.com/2010/07/28/la-fanciulla-del-west-girl-of-the-golden-west-opera-australia-sydney-opera-house-july-2010/>

This glowing review of Opera Australia's 2010 production of *La Fanciulla del West* is illustrated with two full-color photographs.

The Metropolitan Opera: *La Fanciulla del West*

<http://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/season/production.aspx?id=10970>

This is the Metropolitan Opera's page for its 2010 production of *La Fanciulla del West*. It includes an audio slideshow of Deborah Voigt in *La Fanciulla del West*.

NPR's World of Opera: "Puccini's *The Girl of the Golden West* from Glimmerglass Opera"

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=12819446>

Opera synopsis and download of "Ch'ella mi creda libero" from Glimmerglass Opera's 2007 production.

New York Public Library: "Puccini's *La fanciulla del West* 100 years ago"

<http://www.nypl.org/blog/2010/12/06/puccinis-la-fanciulla-del-west-100-years-ago>

Illustrated with historical photographs and excerpts from the score, this article focuses on the changes the opera has undergone over the past one hundred years.

The New York Sun: A Deeper, Darker, Truer America

<http://www.nysun.com/arts/deeper-darker-truer-america/11250/>

2005 New York Sun article written for the 95th anniversary of the premiere of the Met premiere and publication of "Puccini & the Girl" telling the story of the opera's creation through Puccini's correspondence.

Opera Australia: "The Girl of the Golden West"

http://www.opera-australia.org.au/discover/look_listen?m=ae596544

This one minute video montage of Opera Australia's production of *La Fanciulla del West* with orchestral audio gives a brief overview of the opera's plot and most dramatic moments.

Opera Jamboree: "Puccini: *La Fanciulla del West* and a performance of it for the ages."

<http://operajamboree.ragbert.com/P13/curmudg12.html>

This article gives a detailed history of the creation and performances of *La Fanciulla del West* through 1966. It includes two historic photographs.

Opera Today: PUCCINI: *La Fanciulla del West* — Firenze 1954

http://www.operatoday.com/content/2008/11/puccini_la_fanc.php

Opera Synopsis, with cast information and streaming audio of Act One of the 1954 Firenze production.

Opera Today: PUCCINI: *La Fanciulla del West* — La Scala 1956

http://www.operatoday.com/content/2008/12/puccini_la_fanc.php

Opera Synopsis, with cast information and streaming audio of Act One of the 1956 La Scala production.



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Opera Today: "RANDALL & DAVIS: Puccini & the Girl"

http://www.operatoday.com/content/2005/04/randall_davis_p.php

Article on "Puccini & the Girl," a book written by Annie Randall and Rosalind Gray Davis, which was inspired by Ms. Davis' inheritance of a complete set of letters that passed between Giacomo Puccini and librettist Carlo Zangarini over the adaptation of Belasco's *The Girl of the Golden West* for the operatic stage.

Operadis

<http://www.operadis-opera-discography.org.uk/>

This website contains "discographies" which were generated by CLOR of the all opera recordings, including a listing of the 59 recordings of Giacomo Puccini's *La Fanciulla del West*. CLOR is an Indexed Electronic Catalogue (IEC) on CD-ROM in which it is intended to list all recordings that are or have been commercially available of "complete" operas or of extended excerpts of operas longer than about 20 minutes, i.e. as long or longer than one LP-side. Audio and video recordings are included and the term "opera" is taken to include operettas, opéra-bouffes, G&S, zarzuelas and a few musicals, as well as works normally described as operas.

Playbill Arts: "Girl Crazy": *La Fanciulla del West* Returns to the Met"

<http://www.playbillarts.com/features/article/8484.html>

This article summarizes the creation and premiere of *La Fanciulla del West* and advertises the Metropolitan Opera's 100th anniversary production.

Project Gutenberg: *The Girl of the Golden West* by David Belasco

<http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/16551>

Read online or download an e-book of David Belasco's 1095 play, which was the inspiration for Puccini's opera, *La fanciulla del West*.

Renzo Cresti

http://www.renzocresti.it/saggieng/saggi_7eng.html

The preface to Cresti's book, "Puccini & Postmodernism."

San Francisco Examiner: "San Francisco Opera premieres new production of *Puccini's La Fanciulla del West* with Voight"

<http://www.examiner.com/x-2366-SF-Opera-Examiner~y2010m4d13-San-Francisco-Opera-premieres-new-production-of-Puccinis-La-Fanciulla-del-West-with-Voight>

Article announcing the new 2010 production of San Francisco Opera's *The Girl of the Golden West*.

San Francisco Opera

<http://sfopera.com/o/291.asp>

The Girl of the Golden West overview, synopsis and audio excerpts.

SF Weekly: "Saturday Night: 'La Fanciulla del West' at War Memorial Opera House"

http://blogs.sfweekly.com/shookdown/2010/06/saturday_night_la_fanciulla_de.php

Illustrated with large, full-color photographs, this glowing review of San Francisco Opera's 2010 production raves about the opera itself and about SF Opera's production.

Seattle Opera

<http://www.seattleopera.org/discover/archive/2003-2004/goldenwest/composer.aspx>

The Girl of the Golden West overview, synopsis, photos, with articles and interviews.

Stanford University's Opera Glass

<http://opera.stanford.edu/Puccini/>

The Opera Glass website, featuring *La Fanciulla del West* and many other operas, includes detailed information



on Libretto, Source Texts, Performance Histories, Synopses, Discographies, Role Creators.

Time: Music: Old Horse, New Saddle

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,897889,00.html>

1961 article about *Fanciulla* performance with Leontyne Price.

The Tyro Theatre Critic: "La Fanciulla Del West (Metropolitan Opera)"

<http://tttcritic.blogspot.com/2010/12/la-fanciulla-del-west-metropolitan.html>

This is an unflattering review of the Metropolitan Opera's 2010 production of *La Fanciulla del West*.

YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/>

There are many video clips of *La Fanciulla del West* and other operas that can be viewed on YouTube.