



# SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

## *The Elixir of Love*

**SAN FRANCISCO OPERA  
2008–09 SEASON**

**Timings:**            **Act I**            1 hour, 15 minutes  
                          **Intermission** 25 minutes  
                          **Act II**            55 minutes

**First performance:** Milan, Teatro della Canobbiana, May 12, 1832.

**First performance in the U.S.:** New York, Park Theatre, June 18, 1838.

**First San Francisco Opera performance:** September 14, 1929.

**Orchestra:** flutes (1 doubling piccolo), 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 2 horns, 2 trumpets, 1 timpanist, 1 harp, 1 fortepiano; 32 strings.

Recitative accompaniment by Carol Isaac

**Cuts:** Several short traditional ones; no complete numbers.

**Production:** Our current production is adapted from a co-production by Opera Colorado, Boston Lyric Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, Michigan Opera Theatre, and Fort Worth Opera.

### **Previous San Francisco Opera Casts:**

	<b>Adina</b>	<b>Nemorino</b>	<b>Belcore</b>	<b>Dulcamara</b>	<b>Giannetta</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Conductor</b>
<b>1929</b>	Morgana	Schipa	Picco	Malatesta	Bruni	Agnini	Cimini
<b>1948</b>	Sayão	Tagliavini	Gobbi	Baccaloni Tajo	Hartzell	Agnini	Breisach
<b>1956</b>	Munsel	Campana	Quilico	Tajo	McArt	Maestrini	Curiel
<b>1967</b>	Grist	Kraus	Wixell*	Bruscantini	Kova	Mansouri	Patané
<b>1969</b>	Grist	Pavarotti	Wixell	Bruscantini	Matsumoto	Mansouri	Patané
<b>1975</b>	Blegen	Carreras	Wixell	Montarsolo	South	Mansouri	Cillario
<b>1984</b>	Ferrarini	Lima	Duesing	Del Carlo	Swenson	Sciutti	Agler
<b>1992</b>	Swenson	Hadley	G. Quilico	Alaimo	Claycomb	Brovsky	Campanella*
<b>2000</b>	R. Evans Netrebko**	Beltrán Saccà	Gilfry N. Ford**	Del Carlo Knezevic	Volkwijn	Bernhard	Summers Lacey

\* U.S. debut      \*\*role debut