

# Past Casts at San Francisco Opera

# Madama Butterfly

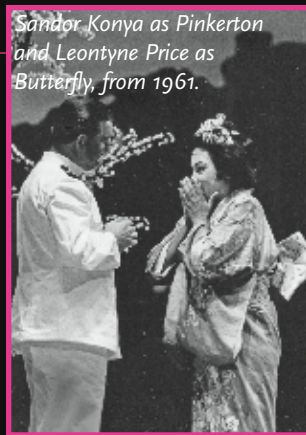
In 1966, soprano Teresa Stratas shared the role of Butterfly with Dorothy Kirsten.



ROBERT CAHEN



Soprano Licia Albanese performed the role of Cio-Cio-San for the Company's 1953 production.



Sandor Konya as Pinkerton and Leontyne Price as Butterfly, from 1961.



The USS Abraham Lincoln looms over the Flower Duet of soprano Verónica Villarroel (Cio-Cio-San) and mezzo-soprano Catherine Cook (Suzuki) in 2003.

KEN FRIEDMAN



Japanese soprano Yasuko Hayashi as Cio-Cio-San and Kahlila Kramer as her son, named "Trouble" in 1980.

RON SCHIERL

Mezzo-soprano Zheng Cao was beloved for her signature role, the loyal servant Suzuki. In 2006 and 2007, Cao performed alongside soprano Patricia Racette who sang Butterfly.

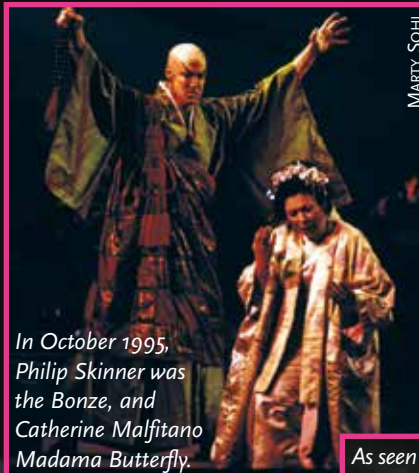


TERRENCE MCCARTHY

From December 1995, Yoko Watanabe as Cio-Cio-San and Theodore Baerg as Sharpless.



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In October 1995, Philip Skinner was the Bonze, and Catherine Malfitano Madama Butterfly.

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As seen in the Company's 2010 production, Pinkerton (tenor Stefano Secco) meets Goro (tenor Thomas Glenn), who can arrange for everything—and everyone.



CORY WEAVER

Butterfly, Pinkerton, and all her relatives assemble for the wedding, as captured here in 1999.

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