

# 2018 SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

## MECC LINKS TO THE CLASSROOM

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# MECC

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MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

## OPERA AUSTRALIA

# MADAMA BUTTERFLY - PUCCINI

### SHOW DETAILS

- > Term 3, week 2
- > Saturday, 27 July
- > 7.30pm
- > 2 hours 5 minutes + 20 minute interval
- > All ages

### PRICES

- > Students \$22
- > Adult \$42
- > Friend \$38
- > Group 6+ \$35 each

### SUBJECT LINKS

#### Musicology - Opera:

- > Analyse and evaluate music to determine the relationships between music elements, concepts and stylistic characteristics.
- > Examine and investigate music to find meaning, identify patterns, similarities and differences.
- > Synthesise findings, justify music viewpoints, and communicate music ideas.

### USEFUL LINKS

- > [www.opera.org.au](http://www.opera.org.au)



**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?**

Madama 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 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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## EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

### REGIONAL CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Local students aged 10-14 are offered a memorable and unique experience to perform with some of the country's finest professional opera singers and musicians.

The MECC Engagement Team are looking for a local choir leader to assist with the recruitment of the childrens choir. The choir leader will attend a weekend of professional development intensive training in Brisbane, where Opera Australia will provide all learning materials, sheet music, backing tracks, staging information and set plans to ensure a successful performance here in Mackay.

The choir will be rehearsed by Opera Australia's chorus master, and perform with Opera Australia's professional opera singers and orchestra on the night of the performance.

Are you interested? Contact the MECC Engagement Team today!

### WORKSHOPS

Opera Australia will be hosting an orchestra masterclass on the day of the performance, Saturday 27 July. Content on the day will vary depending on which instrumental students register. Spaces for these workshops are limited. If you are interested please contact the MECC Engagement Team.

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