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### Mondavi Center Adds Screening of SF Opera's "Madama Butterfly"

**Davis, Calif.**—The Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis, has just added a screening of the San Francisco Opera's production of "Madama Butterfly" in Jackson Hall on **Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m.** Recorded live at the War Memorial Opera House in **high-definition** as part of SF Opera's new **Grand Opera Cinema Series**, the performance runs approximately 2 hours, 45 minutes (with a 10-minute intermission), and is sung in **Italian with English supertitles**.

One of the world's most beloved and dramatic operas, "Madama Butterfly" by **Giacomo Puccini** is a classic tale of colliding hearts and cultures set in 19th-century Japan. Internationally acclaimed **soprano Patricia Racette** is Cio-Cio-San, a geisha tragically torn between two worlds and forced to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to retain her honor. **Music Director Donald Runnicles** conducts the SF Opera Orchestra and Chorus in this stirring production that features some of Puccini's most popular music.

Said **The San Francisco Chronicle**, "A compelling and almost breathlessly taut rendition of this timeless tragedy... Patricia Racette's portrayal is an incendiary performance." For a three-minute video **preview**, visit [http://www.sfoperamedia.com/Email/Butterfly\\_Vid.html](http://www.sfoperamedia.com/Email/Butterfly_Vid.html).

**Tickets** go on sale to the general public **June 1**. Pricing is \$15 for regular tickets and \$7.50 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org), through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

- **SF Opera Screening: "Madama Butterfly"**
- **Thu., June 25, 7 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Jackson Hall**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$15 regular; \$7.50 students, children**
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