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FALL OPERA WEEKEND AT ECCO


**PUCCINI, PLEASE: THE
LIFE, TIMES, AND MUSIC
OF THE WORLD'S
FAVORITE OPERA
COMPOSER**


OCTOBER 16-18, 2026


PUCINI PLEASE

Opera fans love Giacomo Puccini. The last of the great Italian opera composers, he never fails to thrill us with his soaring melodies or to move us with his pathos. But let's take a closer look at Puccini's world and discover what lies behind the music, as we watch him evolve from a composer in the grand tradition of Italian opera into a ground-breaking exponent of supercharged post-Romantic "verismo." We'll search for the real people and true stories behind his operas, and uncover fascinating details about Puccini's often tumultuous career. We'll investigate his life and art in their historical context and use video examples (with English subtitles) to examine in detail his emotionally stirring music dramas. No previous opera background required. Just watch, listen, and enjoy.

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OUR SPEAKER



KIP CRANNA

CLIFFORD (KIP) CRANNA IS DRAMATURG (SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE) EMERITUS OF SAN FRANCISCO OPERA, WHERE HE SERVED ON THE STAFF FOR 40 YEARS. IN 2008, HE WAS AWARDED THE SAN FRANCISCO OPERA MEDAL, THE COMPANY'S HIGHEST HONOR. DR. CRANNA HOLDS A PH.D. IN MUSICOLOGY FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND TEACHES OPERA APPRECIATION AT STANFORD CONTINUING STUDIES, THE FROMM INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTES (OLLI) AT UC BERKELEY, SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY, AND DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY.

PER PERSON PRICING FOR 2 NIGHTS, 6 MEALS, EVENING SOCIALS & SATURDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE

- Private Occupancy: \$590
- Double Occupancy: \$520
- Commuter Rate: \$420