

## **MADAMA BUTTERFLY**

GIACOMO PUCCINI 1858-1924

Puccini's Japanese tragedy Madama Butterfly is given a ravishing production by The Royal Opera. Alluring images of Japan as seen in the 19th-century European imagination reflect the work's intense depiction of the clash of East and West. When the American naval officer Pinkerton seduces the young 'Butterfly' Cio-Cio-San, he seems to promise every happiness - but his cruel abandonment leads to her tragic self-sacrifice. Antonio Pappano, Music Director of The Royal Opera and renowned for his interpretations of Puccini, conducts an exceptionally fine cast with the Royal Opera Chorus and the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House. Powerful performances show why Madama Butterfly remains one of the all-time operatic favourites.

Sung in Italian with English, French, German, Japanese and Korean subtitles

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## **EXTRA FEATURES**

Introduction to Madama Butterfly Ermonela Jaho and Antonio Pappano in rehearsal Cast gallery

Cio-Cio-San ERMONELA JAHO **B.F. Pinkerton MARCELO PUENTE Sharpless SCOTT HENDRICKS** Suzuki ELIZABETH DESHONG

**ROYAL OPERA CHORUS** Chorus Director WILLIAM SPAULDING ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE **Co-Concert Master SERGEY LEVITIN** 

Conductor ANTONIO PAPPANO\* **Directors MOSHE LEISER** and PATRICE CAURIER **Set designer CHRISTIAN FENOUILLAT** Costume designer AGOSTINO CAVALCA **Lighting designer CHRISTOPHE FOREY** 

Directed for the screen by MATTHEW WOODWARD

\*Antonio Pappano appears courtesy of Warner Classics



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