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CARMEN

An Opera in Four Acts

Music by Georges Bizet

Libretto by Meilhac and Halevy

Saturday Evening, November 20, 1965, at 8:30 Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Michigan

CAST

Carmen .	,									Jean Sanders
Don Jose						٠.				RICHARD CASSILLY
Escamillo .										. Sherrill Milnes
Micaela .										. CAROL BAYARD
Zuniga		•								Spiro Malas
Frasquita										. Donna Precht
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Dragoons, Gypsies, Smugglers, Toreadors, Picadors										

Conductor: Julius Rudel
Stage Director: Emile Renan
Set Designer: James D. Waring
Costume Designer: Henry Heymann
Choreographer: Thomas Andrew

Act I—A Public Square in Seville
Act II—A Tavern outside Seville
Act III—A Ravine in the Mountains
Act IV—The Entrance of the Arena

SYNOPSIS

In a square in Seville, during the noon hour, the people watch the changing of the guard; and the men gather to meet the girls employed at the cigarette factory. They pursue Carmen especially; and she, in turn, tries to attract the attention of the indifferent Don Jose, a soldier on guard duty. After the girls return to work, Micaela enters, bringing greetings from Jose's mother and his home. Screams are heard from the factory; Carmen has started a fight and wounded another girl. Don Jose is ordered to take her to prison. With the promise of her love, she easily persuades him to let her escape.

Several weeks later, at the inn of Lilas Pastia, there is a party in progress at which the famed bull fighter, Escamillo, makes a short appearance. When the party is over, Carmen's smuggler friends tell her of a new venture at which her assistance will be required. She finally agrees to go with them but only if she can persuade Don Jose, with whom she is presently in love, to come along. Soon Don Jose arrives, but, despite her pleas, he refuses to become a deserter. After he attacks his superior officer in a fit of jealousy, however, he has no alternative and is welcomed into the band.

In the mountains, while waiting for the smugglers' caravan to proceed, Carmen, who has tired of putting up with Don Jose's moods, reads in the cards of her own impending death. After the smugglers move on, Micaela enters in search of Jose. She is hiding when Jose meets Escamillo, who has come to find Carmen. Discovering that the toreador is his rival, Jose challenges him to a duel, from which Escamillo is saved by Carmen's intervention. Micaela, who has been discovered, pleads with Jose to return to his dying mother. He follows the young girl, but threatens Carmen that they will meet again.

A festive crowd is gathered at the entrance to the arena awaiting the toreador, Escamillo. Carmen's friends warn her that Jose is lurking nearby. She refuses to flee and, left alone, is confronted by him. Jose begs, then demands, that she return to him. She refuses. Desperate, he stabs her, as a cheering crowd announces Escamillo's victory in the arena.

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The New York City Opera will present Cavalleria Rusticana and I Pagliacci Sunday afternoon at 2:30; and The Barber of Seville in the evening at 8:30 (November 21).

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Phyllis Curtin, Soprano Thursday, January 20
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To be announced Wednesday, February 23
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