

The Italian American Club of Livonia
The Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation
The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan
And
Michigan Opera Theatre
Present

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID DICHIERA

Founder and Artistic Director of Michigan Opera Theatre

FRIDAY MARCH 10, 2017

Performance and program at 7:30 p.m.

Includes a presentation on Puccini and *La Fanciulla del West*

With John Zaretti and the

Michigan Opera Theatre Studio Artists

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THEATRE

An afterglow reception
with the Artists follows
Italian American Banquet
Center of Livonia
39200 Five Mile Road - Livonia
Admission, just \$25 per person

For tickets & reservations,
please contact Maria Harris
248.854.1449 or macappy@hotmail.com



DETROIT WAS THE PLACE.....

Artistic Director David DiChiera had a vision of an opera company that would enrich the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan. In 1971, through partnerships with government, corporate and philanthropic leaders, he founded Michigan Opera Theatre.

David chose Downtown Detroit to build MOT's home, clearly seeing the future of our city. In 1996, he opened the Detroit Opera House with international artists Joan Sutherland and Luciano Pavarotti by his side. This beloved cultural center now serves as home to MOT's opera and dance seasons and the MOT orchestra, chorus, and critically acclaimed children's chorus.



CHAMPION OF DIVERSITY AND EMERGING ARTISTS...

Championing works that connected with Detroit's diverse cultural heritage, David brought us Anoush, Treemonisha, King Roger, Margaret Garner, Frida, and The Passenger. MOT also developed long-standing relationships with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and Dance Theatre of Harlem. David's recently established MOT Studio provides training and performance opportunities for emerging artists, preparing them for the international stage.

AN OPERA INDUSTRY LEADER...

In addition to MOT, David was the founder of Opera Pacific (CA) and served as Artistic Director of Dayton Opera (OH). He also served as President of the national service organization Opera America. With such wide-spanning influence, David has been one of the leading advocates of opera in America.



MOT Company Premiere!

La Fanciulla del West

(Girl of the Golden West)

By Giacomo Puccini

Directed by Mario Corradi,

featuring the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra

**4 ROLLICKING PERFORMANCES
AT THE DETROIT OPERA HOUSE:**

Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m.

FREE Opera Talk one hour prior to performance

TICKETS & INFO at michiganopera.org or 313.237.7464