SAN FRANCISCO OPERA EDUCATION PRESENTS
THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST — THE MOVIE!

FREE FAMILY MOVIE SCREENINGS OF PUCCINI'S CLASSIC OPERA PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 25 AND 26 AT 1:30 PM AND 3:30 PM
HERBST THEATRE

ADVANCE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE NOW AT SFOPERA.COM/GIRLMOVIE

SAN FRANCISCO (January 31, 2012)—San Francisco Opera's Education Department presents FREE family screenings of Giacomo Puccini's *The Girl of the Golden West — The Movie!* on Saturday, February 25 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 P.M. and Sunday, February 26 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco.

Created from San Francisco Opera's new production of *The Girl of the Golden West* in 2010, this one-hour movie is the perfect way for families to enjoy the magic of the opera. San Francisco Opera's Education Department produced this movie version for Bay Area school and community programs. Screenings are free, however advance ticket registration is requested at sfopera.com/girlmovie. Family resource materials, including story synopsis, biographies, slideshows of production photos, and audio and video examples are available at sfopera.com/girlresources.

This abridged version of Puccini's classic western opera stars soprano Deborah Voigt as Minnie, the tender hearted frontier woman who falls for the crafty criminal Dick Johnson (Salvatore Licitra), much to the dismay of the suspicious town sheriff Jack Rance (Roberto Frontali). The dramatic love triangle set in Gold Rush–era California is complete with a Wild-West saloon, a high-stakes poker game, and a Wells Fargo agent. Performed in Italian with English subtitles, *The Girl of the Golden West — The Movie!* is recommended for ages 8 and up and features a live introduction.

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AT THE HERBST THEATRE, FEBRUARY 25 AND 26

LOCATION: Herbst Theatre, War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue at McAllister, San Francisco CA 94102

TICKETS: Advance registration required at sfopera.com/girlmovie. This is a free event; seating is first-come, first-served. Doors open 30 minutes before each show time.

INFORMATION: Prior to the screening there will be a 15-minute live introduction by San Francisco Opera Education Director Ruth Nott. The movie is in Italian with English subtitles. Recommended for ages 8 and up. For more information visit sfopera.com.

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Sung in Italian with English subtitles
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PRODUCTION INFORMATION

Cast:

Minnie	**Deborah Voigt**
Dick Johnson	**Salvatore Licitra**
Sheriff Jack Rance	**Roberto Frontali**
Nick	**Steven Cole**
Sonora	**Timothy Mix**
Ashby	**Kevin Langan**
Harry	**David Lomeli**
Joe	**Brian Jagde**
Trin	**Matthew O'Neill**
Jake Wallace	**Trevor Scheunemann**
Handsome	**Austin Kness**
Sid	**Kenneth Overton**
Happy	**Igor Vieira**
Larkens	**Brian Leerhuber**

Production Team:

Conductor	**Nicola Luisotti**
Director	**Lorenzo Mariani**
Costume Designer	**Gabriel Berry**
Lighting Designer	**Duane Schuler**
Chorus Director	**Ian Robertson**
Video Director	**Frank Zamacona**
Assistant Video Director	**Jessica Shown-Morgan**
Editor	**Lisa Anderson**
On-Line Editor, VFX, Colorist	**Francis Crossman**
Supervising Sound Mixer	**Michael Lian Chen**
Post Production Supervisor	**Douglas Mitchell**

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