THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST

RESOURCES

Books

The Girl of the Golden West
Author: David Belasco. Notes: David Belasco’s stage play, The Girl of the Golden West, was the source material for Puccini’s opera. English. 364 pages. Nabu Press. 2010.

La Fanciulla del West in Full Score
Author: Giacomo Puccini. Notes: Set in the days of the California Gold Rush, La Fanciulla del West (The Girl of the Golden West) is a staple of the repertoire, filled with dramatic touches, much lyric beauty and brilliant orchestration. Its dramatic scale and harmonic and melodic inventiveness foreshadow the remarkable originality and audacity of Puccini’s great last opera, Turandot. English. 448 pages. Dover Publications. 1997.

La Fanciulla del West: Vocal Score

Puccini and the Girl: Opera: History and Reception of The Girl of the Golden West
Author: Annie Randall and Rosalind Gray Davis. Notes: Annie J. Randall and Rosalind Gray Davis base their account of its creation on previously unknown letters from Puccini to his main librettist, Carlo Zangarini. They mine musical materials, newspaper accounts, and rare photographs and illustrations to tell the full story of this controversial opera. Puccini and the Girl considers the production and reception of Puccini’s "cowboy" opera in the light of contemporary criticism, providing both fascinating insight into its history and a look to the future as its centenary approaches. English. 248 pages. University of Chicago Press. 2007.

Puccini’s THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST: Opera Classics Library Series

Films/DVDs


**Puccini - La Fanciulla del West (2005)**

**Puccini - La Fanciulla del West / Zampieri, Domingo, Pons, Bertocchi, Maazel, La Scala Opera (1991)**

**Puccini - La Fanciulla del West (1963)**

**CDs**

**Puccini: La fanciulla del West**

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