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by Giacomo Puccini

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#### A YOUNG PERSON'S INTRODUCTION TO THE ARTS

TOSCA
by Puccini



### WAO DID IT?

**Giacomo Puccini** (1858-1924), the composer, was born in Lucca, Italy, into a family of composers and musicians. At an early age, his father and uncle exposed him to drama and music.

When he was 18 years old, he and his friends walked twenty miles from his hometown to Pisa, Italy, to see Verdi's opera *Aïda*. He was so taken with it that he decided to devote his talents to writing operas.

He went to Milan, the opera capital of Italy, and lived the arty, Bohemian life of a poor but talented student. Once he pawned his only coat to take a girl to dinner. In 1894, Puccini joined forces with two noted librettists, **Luigi Illica**, who worked on the dialogue, and **Guiseppe Giacosa**, who developed the story. Together the trio created three famous operas, *La bohéme*, *Tosca*, and *Madama Butterfly*.

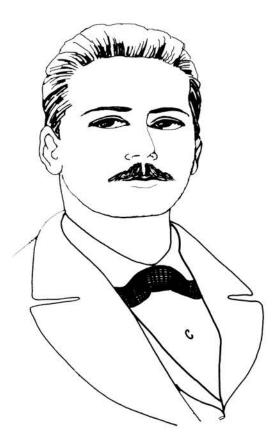
Puccini, Illica, and Giacosa worked for three years to perfect *Tosca*. The story is based on the play of the same name by Victorien Sardou. *Tosca* opened at the Teatro Costanzi in Rome in 1900, and soon became one of the most popular operas of the time.

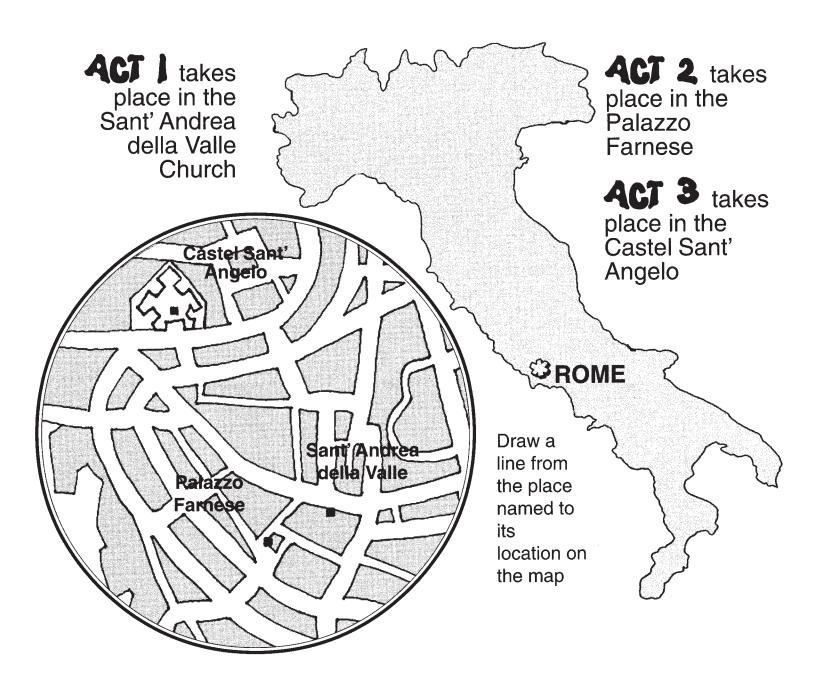
Puccini became famous in his own lifetime with the success of his operas such as La bohéme, Tosca, Madama Butterfly, and Turandot. His marvelous ability to translate a story into musical drama made him one of opera's greatest composers.

#### **UNSCRAMBLE**

these titles to our composer's three most popular operas:

AL HEMBEO\_\_\_\_\_ADAMAM FLETURBYT





### WHERE WAS IT?

The Pope governed Rome as the head of the Catholic church and the government. In 1800 Italy was divided into many city-states ruled by foreign kings. Spies and revolutionaries were everywhere plotting political intrigue and revolution. People were imprisoned and shot for their ideas. There was great discontent.

## CHARACTERS



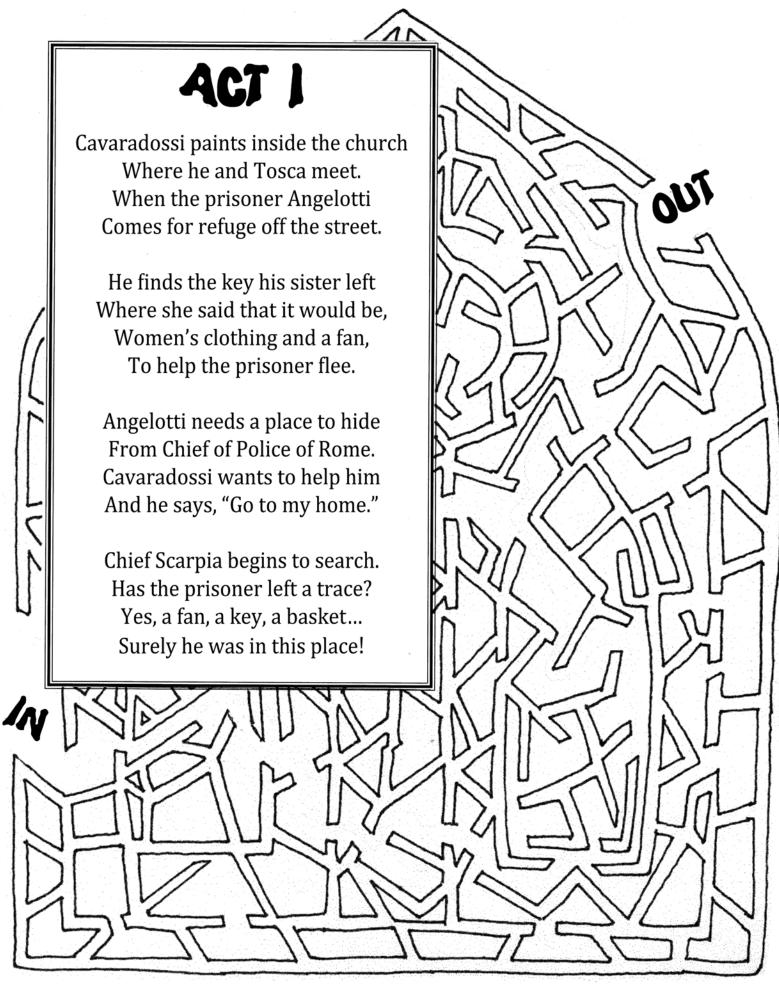
**Tosca** soprano prima donna singer

## IN THE OPERA

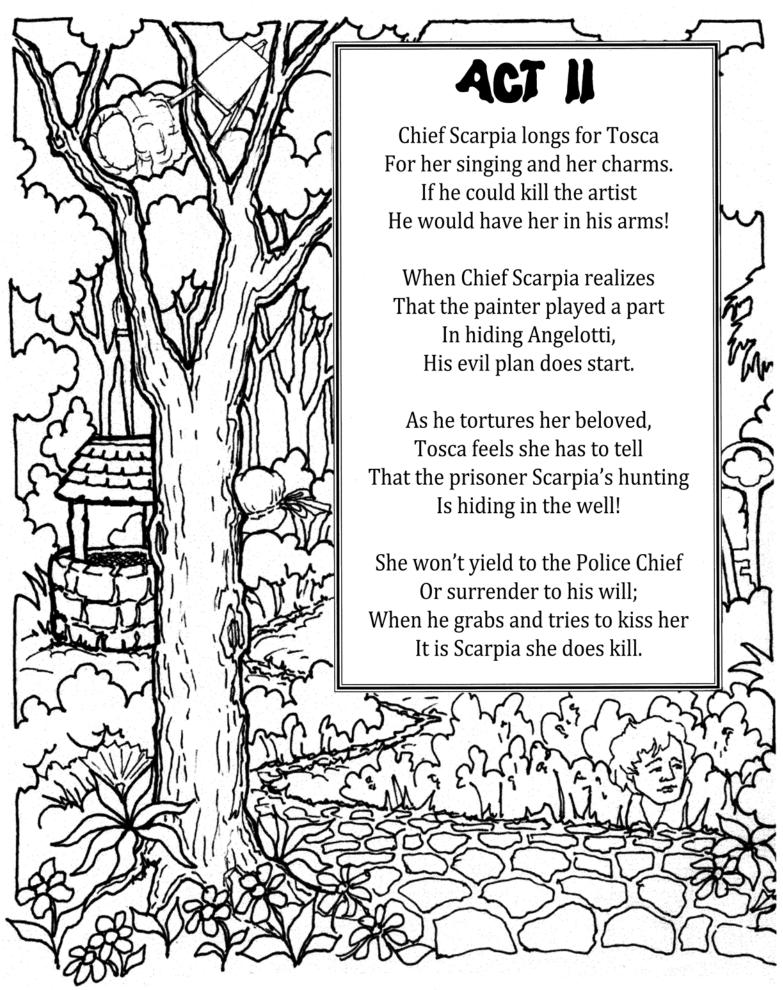


Baron Scarpia baritone Chief of Police

Sacristan baritone church official

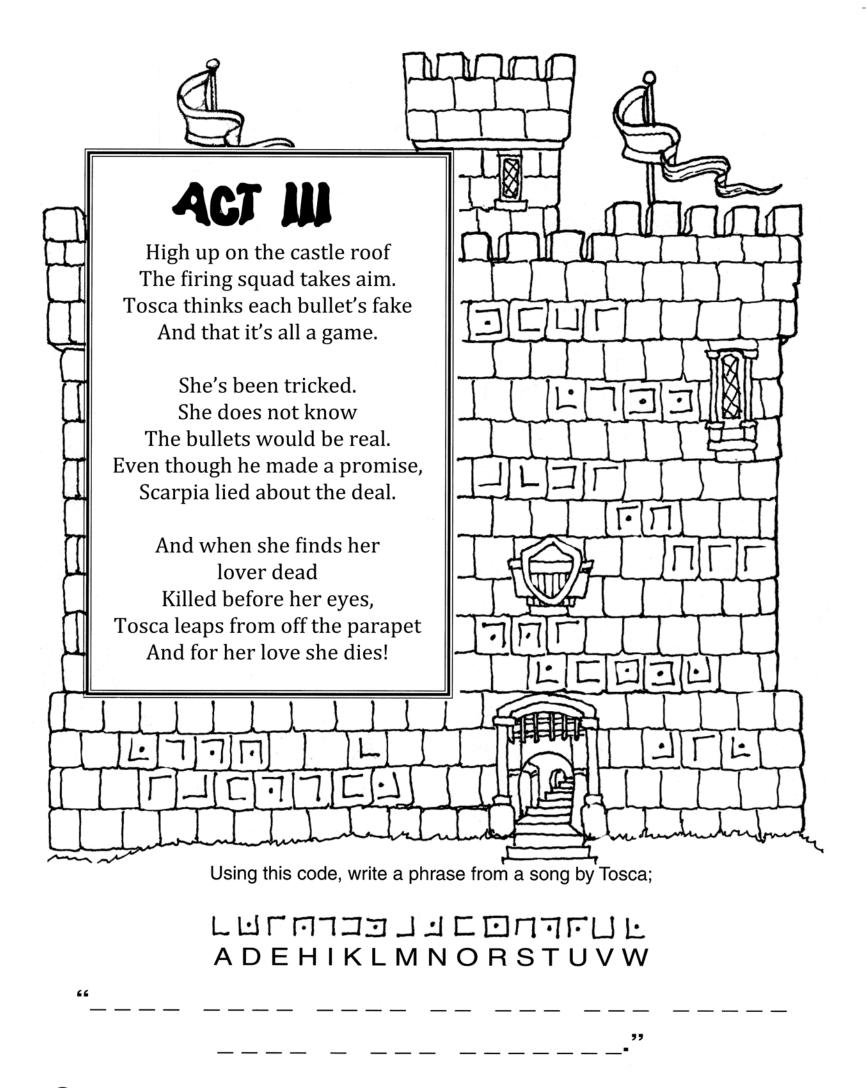


Help Angelotti find his way off the street, through the church, and out to possible safety!



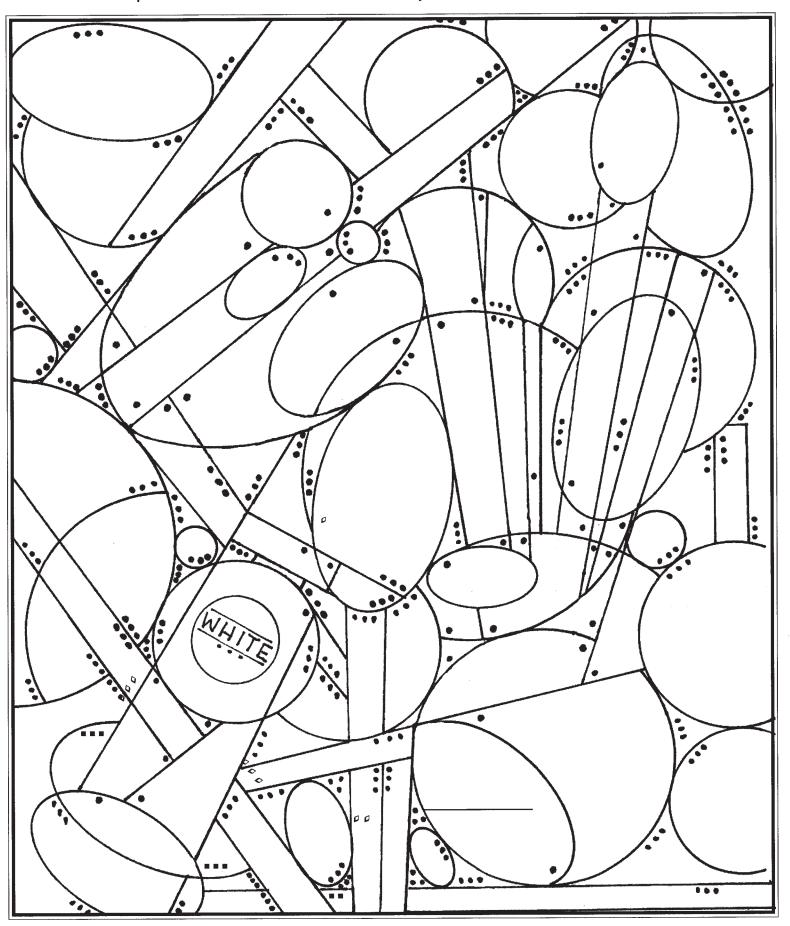
Scarpia can't find Angelotti - can you?

Also find a paint brush, a fan, an easel, a bonnet, a basket, and a key.



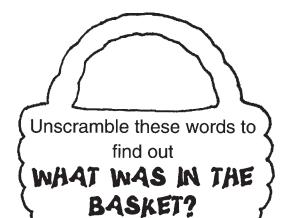
## WHERE ARE THEY?

Color each space that has **ONE** dot - to find objects that Cavaradossi uses in his craft.



### SCARPIA'S CLUES

While searching for the escaped prisoner, Police Chief Scarpia found evidence that Angelotti had been in the chapel.



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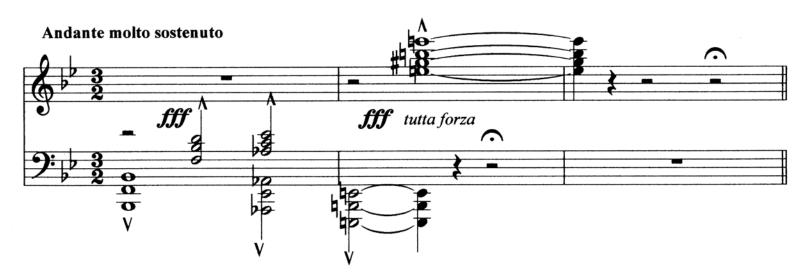
PROAN = \_\_\_\_\_ BENTON = \_\_\_\_ ANF =

Tosca called **Police Chief Scarpia**a coward and a murderer!
Circle the words that do **NOT**describe him.

Liar, Cruel, Traitor, Gentle, Mean, Ruthless, Kind, Cunning

### THE OVERTURE

### Scarpia's Theme



The opera begins with the orchestra playing the overture. The first three notes are crashing chords. This sets the tone for the tragic opera. The woodwinds and high-pitched instruments play three sinister chords. Then the brass instruments and the lower pitched strings play another three dramatic chords. Finally, all of the string instruments play the final disturbing chord, and the timpani (drum) joins in with a very loud drumbeat. This last sound is, in fact, the signature theme for

the evil Baron Scarpia.

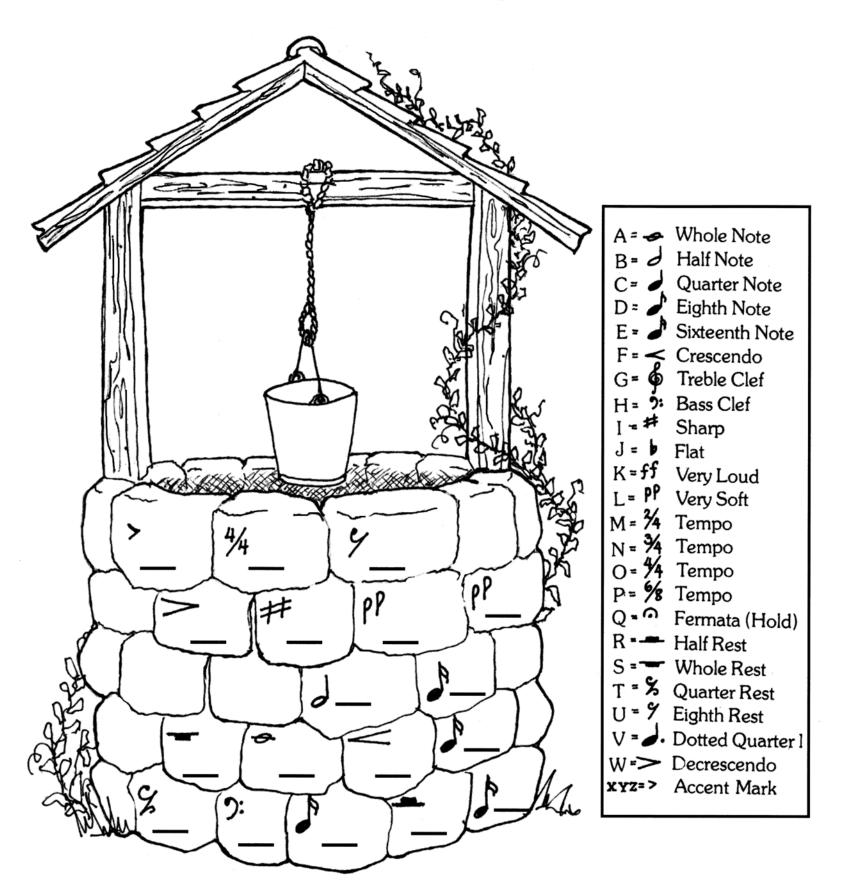
Whom do you find when you rearrange these letters?

FECHI\_\_\_\_\_AIRCAPS\_\_\_\_\_

Thus a sense of foreboding is created. We know we are in for a dramatic opera.

## WELL, WELL

Using the musical symbols given, find what Cavaradossi told his friend about the well in his garden.



### MIA GELOSA

### **Duet by Cavaradossi and Tosca**

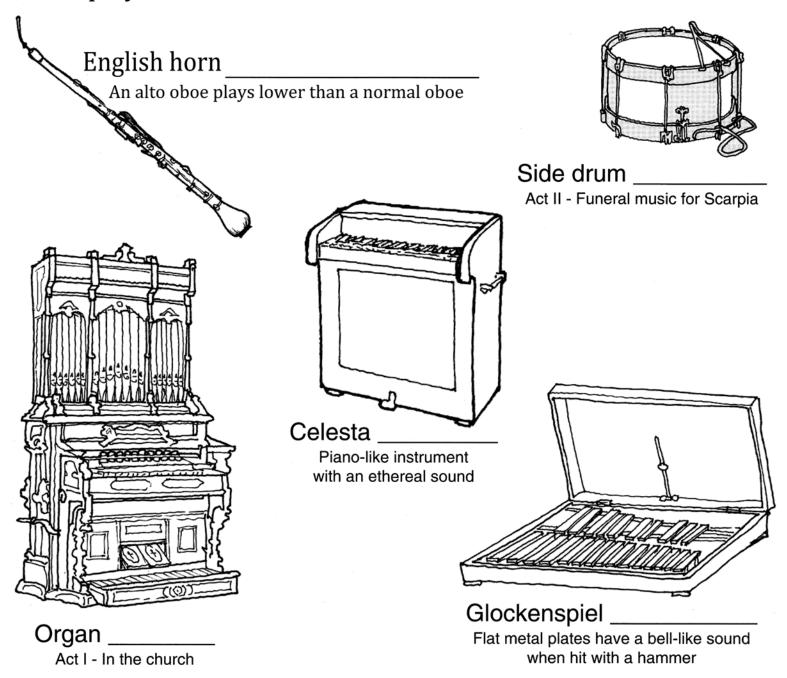
Andante moderato



Tosca enters the church and hears voices. Mario Cavaradossi has just been plotting with Angelotti who has escaped from prison. She tries to enter the chapel but the door is locked. Mario comes out to calm her. He teases Tosca singing "Mia gelosa" (You're jealous of me) and promises that he loves only her. He sings a beautiful melody, and Tosca joins him so that they finish the musical phrase together. This melody reappears several times in the opera, and it recalls their passionate love.

### UNUSUAL INSTRUMENTS

In the opera *Tosca*, Puccini chose certain musical instruments for the orchestra whose sounds were in keeping with the story of the opera. Some of the instruments were unusual and not often played.

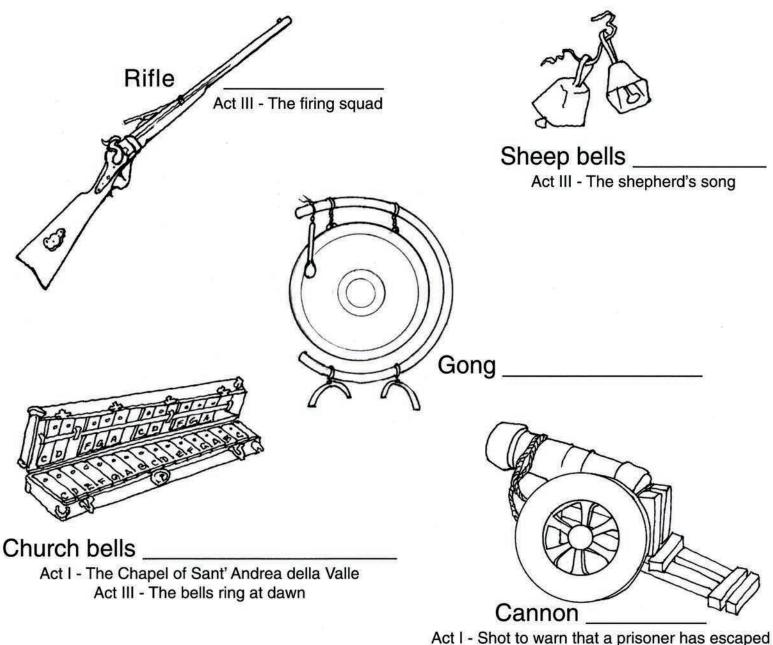


Write the Italian word the next to name of each instrument.

ORGANO TAMBURO CORNO INGLESE CARILLON CELESTE

### and special effects

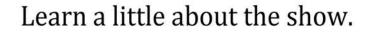
Puccini visted a church in Italy to hear its beautiful bells so he could duplicate the sounds for *Tosca*.



Now write the Italian word for each "sound effect" above.

**CANNONE FUCILI** CAMPANE DELLA CHIESA **CAMPANELLA** TAM TAM

### OPERA ETIQUETTE



Read the story before you go.

Wear your very nicest clothes.

No giant hats, hairdos, or bows.

Get there early take your seat.

No noisy wrappers on what you eat.

No talking, singing, or loud snoring,

Even if you think it's boring!

No photographing of the show

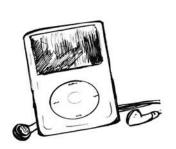
And taping is a real no-no.

Turn cell phones off, computers too.

No texting 'til the show is through.

To make performers feel real proud

Applaud or yell, "Bravo!" real loud!



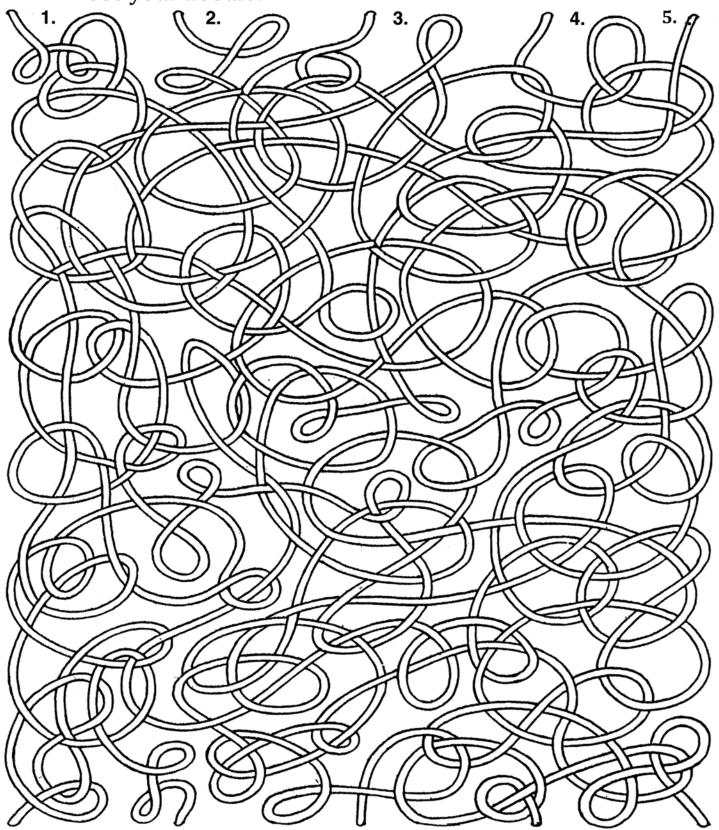






### ITALY—FAMOUS FOR PASTA

Spagetti can really get tangled up! Follow these five noodles to the bottom placing their number where they come out. Use your noodle!

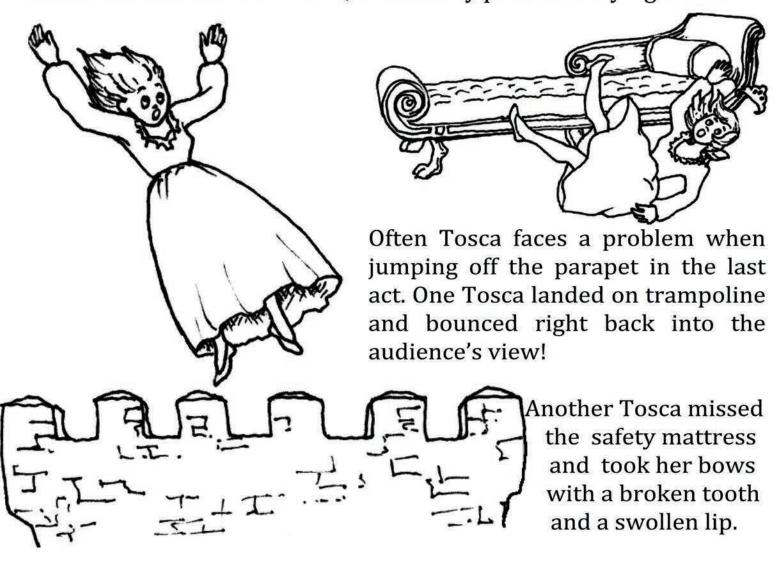


ANGELOTTI is a good Italian name. How many words (of three letters or more) can you find in it?

### FAMOUS TOSCAS — 1900 — 2000

The role of Tosca is sung by a great soprano called a "prima donna", which means "first lady". Another name given to an opera star is "diva", from the Italian for "divine". Since 1900, there have been many opera stars singing the role of Tosca. The most famous Tosca was Maria Callas, who created a sensation with her performances.

Some singers have created a tradition while singing the role. At a rehearsal in Vienna, during the scene in Act II with Scarpia, diva Maria Jeritza fell off the settee. She finished singing the beautiful aria *Vissi d'arte* on the floor! Since then, it is usually performed lying down.



### VISSI D'ARTE

#### Sung by Tosca



Floria Tosca believes her life has fallen apart. She betrayed Angelotti, Cavaradossi's best friend. The evil Baron Scarpia plans to kill Cavaradossi, her lover, but will spare his life if Tosca will agree to love only Scarpia. Collapsing in anguish, Tosca sings that she has devoted her life to love, art and good deeds for other people. In despair, Tosca cries passionately, "Why am I being repaid this way?"

### CHARACTER SEARCH

Find and circle each of these characters from the opera *Tosca*.

They may read forward, backward, upward, downward, or diagonally.

The letters that remain will spell a sad phrase from Cavaradossi's aria on the next page.

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TOSCA-CAVARADOSSI-SCARPIA-SCIARRONE
ANGELOTTI-JAILER-SACRISTAN-ROBERTI
SPOLETTA-SHEPHERDBOY

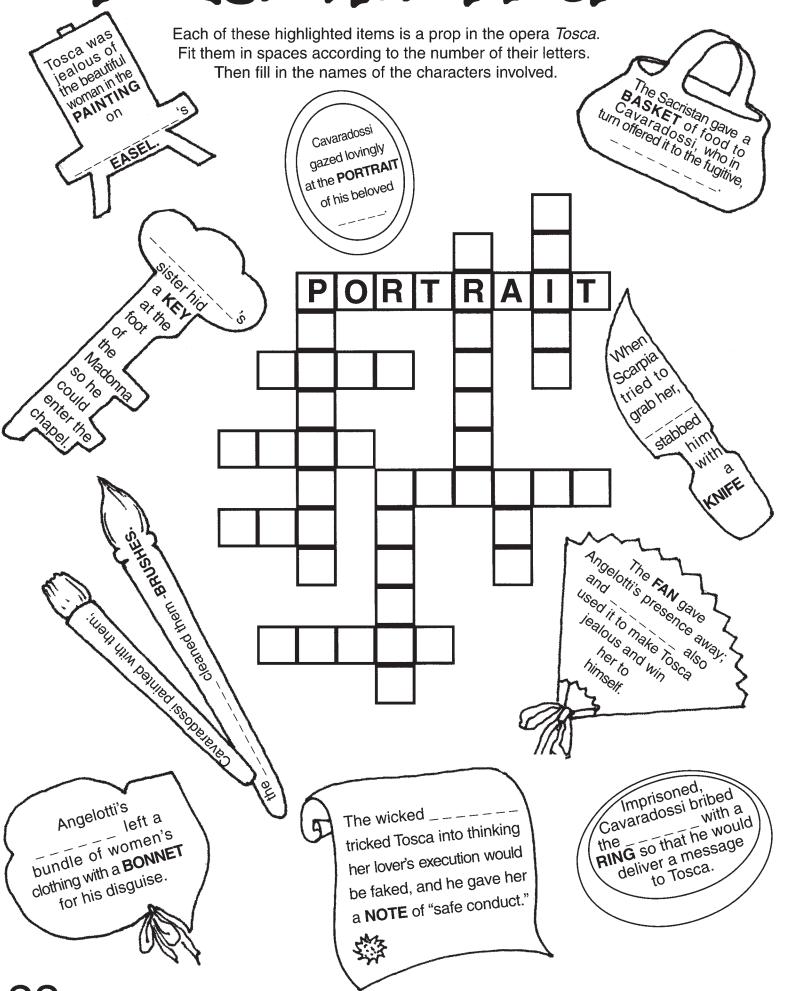
### E LUCEVAN LE STELLE

## Cavaradossi's farewell to Tosca as he awaits the firing squad

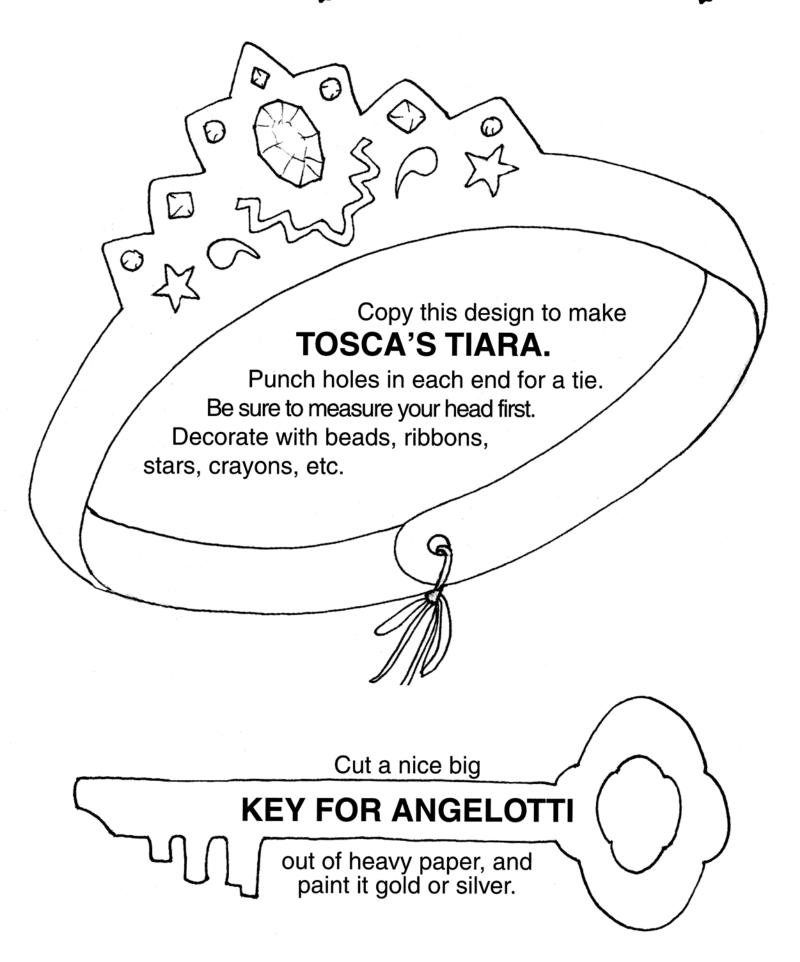


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## PLACE THE PROPS



## GET READY FOR THE PLAY



### ACT IT OUT

STAGE SETTING: Chapel of the Church of Sant'Andrea della Valle, Rome, Italy.

THE TIME: June of 1800

CHARACTERS: Sacristan - Caretaker of Church property, robes,

incense holders, etc.

(The storage area is called the Sacristy.)

**Angelotti** - Consul of the defeated Roman Republic, recently escaped from Castel Sant' Angelo Prison.

Cavaradossi - Artist commissioned to do a painting

of the Biblical character, Mary Magdalene.

Tosca - Celebrated singer, a beauty in love with

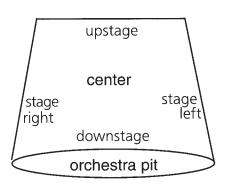
Cavaradossi, and very jealous by nature.

**PROPS:** Covered painting on an easel

Basket of food Bundle of clothes

Key

Paint brushes



### ACT 1

Angelotti: (dressed in convict's clothing, rushes to center

stage, starts searching for something)

Ah, here it is! The key to the chapel. It's just

where my sister said she would leave it.

(uses key to enter the small chapel inside the

church)

Sacristan: (enters stage center carrying brushes, looks around)

I thought for sure Cavaradossi would be here working on his painting. I wonder where he is?

Cavaradossi: (enters center stage, goes to stage left and

removes the cover from his painting)

**Sacristan:** The painting - it's Mary Magdalene; but it certainly

looks like the lovely lady who comes here regularly

to pray.

Cavaradossi: Yes, I've seen her here praying, and have

painted her fair beauty - not realizing I was

using her as a model.

(takes a small portrait of Tosca from his pocket,

looks at it lovingly)

Ah, Tosca, your dark beauty is so different from

this painting I am doing. Still, it's you I love.

Sacristan: (mutters to himself - while cleaning brushes)

These artists -- always making light of the

importance of their work.

(to Cavaradossi)

Oh well, that's your business. I might as well leave.

Cavaradossi: Go!

Sacristan: (exits center stage)

Cavaradossi: (hears noise, looks to Chapel at stage right)

Who's there?

**Angelotti:** Can it really be you, Cavaradossi?

I'm not surprised that you don't recognize me,

after all I've been through in prison.

I was a political prisoner, and have just

escaped from Castel Sant' Angelo!

Cavaradossi: Quickly - how can I help you?

Tosca: (calls from offstage to Cavaradossi) Mario!

Cavaradossi: (to Angelotti) You must hide!

**Tosca:** (again offstage) Mario!

Cavaradossi: Here I am!

**Angelotti:** I'm so exhausted and hungry.

**Tosca:** (still offstage, angry and impatient)

Mario! Mario! Mario!

Cavaradossi: I am here (opens door to let Tosca in)

**Tosca:** Why lock the door?

Cavaradossi: By the Sacristan's order.

**Tosca:** Who were you talking to?

Cavaradossi: To you.

Tosca: It was someone else! Where is she?

Cavaradossi: You're imagining things.

**Tosca:** Do I imagine the painting of that gorgeous

woman?

For her you have betrayed me!

Cavaradossi: You're wrong. I don't even know who she is.

I only saw her at prayer and painted her.

**Tosca:** Tell me again that I am your only true love.

Cavaradossi: You know you are. Even when you are so

unreasonably jealous!

But now I must finish my work. You must go.

**Tosca:** Finish! But let her eyes be dark - not blue as

they are now.

(exits stage center)

Cavaradossi: (to Angelotti) My Tosca is dear, but oh so

jealous - and - she cannot keep a secret.

What is your plan of escape?

**Angelotti:** My sister has left a disguise for me here in

this Chapel - a bundle of women's clothing, so I won't be recognized and can escape.

Cavaradossi: (checks door, center stage)

The way is clear now. Go to the garden.

Follow the footpath to my villa. Find the well. Go halfway down and hide in the secret cave.

You will be safe there.

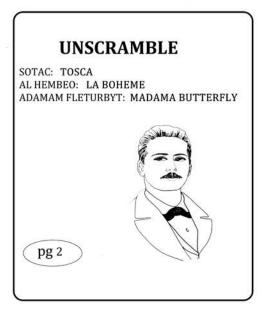
**Angelotti:** Did you hear that cannon shot from the fortress?

Cavaradossi: Your escape has been discovered!

I'll go with you to help! We must hurry!

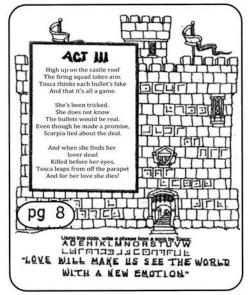
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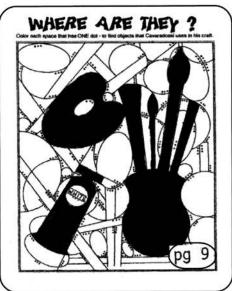
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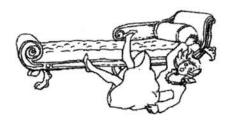




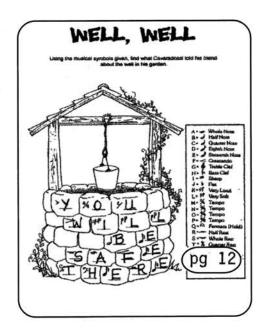


Whom do you find when you rearrange these letters?

ELICOP: POLICE FECHI: CHIEF AIRCAPS: SCARPIA

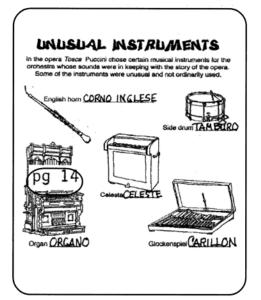


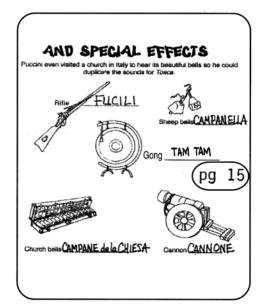




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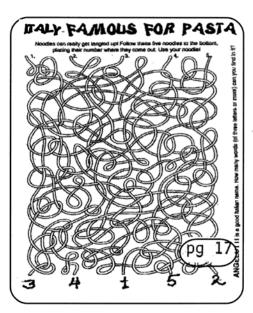
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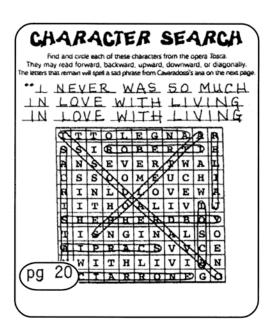


















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