

# THE ITALIAN SPACEWAY

20 JUNE 2024  
13:30-15:00  
(VIC Mozart Room)

## OPERA ARIAS BY PUCCINI

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Tenor: Mr. Sergio Tallo-Torres  
Piano: Ms. Ekaterina Nokkert

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On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the death of Italian composer GIACOMO PUCCINI, let us take you on a journey of music and “stars” through some of his most famous opera arias and compositions for voice and piano.



## 1. E LUCEVAN LE STELLE (TOSCA)

“E lucevan le stelle”      “And the stars were shining”

so begins the dramatic aria sung by painter Mario Cavaradossi, while he waits for his execution on the roof of Castel Sant'Angelo in Rome.

## 2. CHE GELIDA MANINA (LA BOHÈME)

“Ma per fortuna è una notte  
di luna,  
e qui la luna l'abbiamo  
vicina”

“But luckily it is a moonlit  
night,  
and here we have the moon  
close by”

sings poet Rodolfo to his beloved Mimí when they first meet on Christmas Eve in the Latin Quarter of Paris.

## 3. INTERMEZZO (SUOR ANGELICA)

## 4. SOLE E AMORE (ROMANCE FOR VOICE AND PIANO)

“Il sole allegramente  
batte ai tuoi vetri. Amor  
pian batte al tuo cuore,  
e l'uno e l'altro chiama...”

“The sun cheerfully  
beats at your window. Love  
softly beats at your heart,  
and both of them call out...”



## **5. TERRA E MARE (ROMANCE FOR VOICE AND PIANO)**

**"...Mi guardan, specchiate  
dall'onda,  
le stelle del cielo fulgenti..."**

**"... The stars in the sparkling  
firmament,  
gaze at me reflected in the  
waves..."**

## **6. AVANTI, URANIA! (ROMANCE FOR VOICE AND PIANO)**

**"...Simile al mio signor,  
mite d'aspetto  
quanto è forte in cuor,  
le fiamme ho anch'io nel  
petto,  
anch'io di spazio, anch'io di  
gloria ho smania...  
Avanti, Urania!"**

**"...Just like my master –  
gentle in appearance  
and yet strong of heart,  
I, too, have flames in my  
chest;  
I, too, am mad for space, for  
glory...  
Forward, Urania!"**

**Urania was, in Greek mythology, the muse of  
astronomy, goddess of the stars, and was also  
associated with navigation, her attributes being the  
globe and compass. Puccini dedicated his song to the  
wife of a Marquis who purchased a steamer named  
Urania.**

## **7. NESSUN DORMA (TURANDOT)**

**"Dilegua, o notte!  
Tramontate, stelle!  
Tramontate, stelle!  
All'alba, vincerò!  
Vincerò! Vincerò!"**

**"Vanish, o night!  
Fade, you stars!  
Fade, you stars!  
At dawn, I will win!  
I will win! I will win!",**

**So expresses Prince Calaf his triumphant assurance  
that he will win the love of Princess Turandot.**





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