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, specchiata
dall’onda,
le stelle del cielo fulgenti...”

“...The stars in the sparkling
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.