

OPERA MATCHING

Draw a line to match the opera with the composer.

“Carmen”

First performance was in Paris in 1875. It was set in Seville, Spain and was controversial at the time for its depiction of the working class.

“The Magic Flute”

The opera premiered in Vienna in 1791. Composed in 1791 a few years before the composer’s death at age 35. The composer is also known for “The Marriage of Figaro” and “Don Giovanni.”

“La Bohème ”

The opera premiered in Turin in 1896. It was based on an 1851 novel and depicted the bohemian lifestyle of struggling artists in Paris in the 1830s. The composer is also known for “Tosca”, “Madama Butterfly” and “Turandot”.

“La Traviata”

The opera premiered in Venice in 1853. It was based on a novel by Alexandre Dumas and the main character is a courtesan in Paris who falls in love with a bourgeois man. The composer is also known for “Rigoletta” and “Il Trovatore.”

“Barber of Seville”

The opera premiered in Rome in 1816. It is a comic opera based on a French comedy play. The composer wrote his first opera at 18 and wrote more than 39 operas in his lifetime.

Wolfgang Mozart

Born in 1756 in Salzburg, Austria
He was a child prodigy and composed his first opera at 12 years old.

Giacomo Puccini

Born in 1858 in Lucca, Italy
He is one of the most celebrated Italian composers.

Giuseppe Verdi

Born in 1813 in Roncole, Italy
He is one of the most celebrated Italian opera composers.

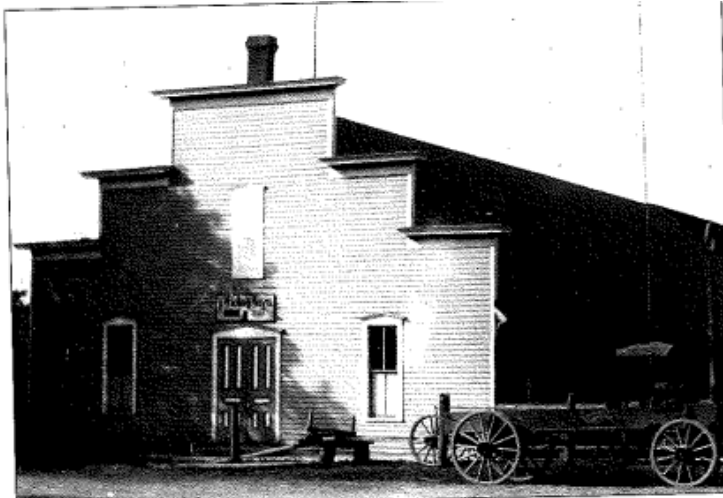
Georges Bizet

Born in 1838 in Paris, France
He was a French Era Romantic Composer.

Gioachino Rossini

Born in 1792 in Pesaro, Italy.
He is known for his comic operas.

DEXTER OPERA HOUSE



The Dexter Opera House was first built as a roller skating rink in 1884 on lot 19 in block 3. In 1886 it was converted to a public auditorium called the Dexter Opera House. The opera house had a 22x44 foot stage and an organ. The grand opening was on January 27, 1886 and featured the play "A Soldier of Fortune."

Through the years the Dexter Opera House was a venue for many activities including concerts, graduations, Memorial Day activities, dances and political rallies. There were also many plays and suppers. The Dexter Band regularly performed at the Dexter Opera House. The last event in the Detroit Opera House was the High School Commencement in June 1926. It was torn down around 1930.

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