



Saturday, March 14, 2026

New York City Metropolitan Opera: Madame Butterfly

Please note there will be two pickup and drop-off sites:

- From the Springfield Museums' State Street parking lot and
- From the former Macy's Department Store commuter parking lot, Enfield, CT.

Please let us know which lot you will be.

7:30 am – Arrive at the Springfield Museums' State Street parking lot located directly across the street from the Springfield Main Library building. Please park in the lot and board the bus at the curbside. **We will depart at 7:40 am sharp.**

7:50 am – Arrive at the Commuter Lot, former Macy's Dept. Store, Enfield, CT. Please park near the small kiosk to the right of the store front. **We will depart at 8 am sharp.**

Enjoy orchestra seating for *Madame Butterfly* where cultures collide in Puccini's poignant tale of a loyal geisha and a callous American naval officer whose fleeting romance leaves only devastation behind. Giacomo Puccini (1858–1924) was immensely popular in his own lifetime, and his mature works remain staples in the repertory of most of the world's opera companies. The lyric beauty of Puccini's score, especially the music for the thoroughly believable lead role, has made *Butterfly* timeless. En route, Walter Carroll will provide an enlightening lecture on the music and artistry of this popular opera.

Lunch – A boxed lunch will be provided. *Menu will be announced.* Bottled water, sandwich, side salad and a baked dessert are included.

12:15 pm – Estimated arrival at the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center for our 1 pm performance.

Following the performance, meet the bus at the designated location and depart for home with an estimated return by 8-9 pm with one rest stop.

What to bring: Snacks/beverage for the bus. Dress in layers for variable temperatures on the bus and concert hall. Items may be left on the bus during the opera performance.

Cost: \$245, Members; \$289, nonmembers; includes orchestra seating, boxed lunch, bus travel and driver tip.

Please call 413-314-6482 if you need additional information.