

Giacomo Puccini
TOSCA

Libretto by Giuseppe Giacosa and Luigi Illica

HD TRANSMISSION: OCTOBER 10, 2009

“*Tosca* combines Puccini’s glorious musical inspiration with the melodramatic vitality of one of the great Hitchcock films,” says Met Music Director James Levine, who conducts this new production. The opera tells the story of three people—a famous opera singer, a free-thinking painter, and a sadistic chief of police—caught in a net of love and politics. Soprano Karita Mattila, recently seen in this season’s *Live in HD* presentation of *Salome*, sings the title role for the first time outside her native Finland. Luc Bondy, acclaimed for his imaginative theater and opera productions, directs. The cast also includes Marcelo Álvarez as Cavaradossi and Juha Uusitalo as Scarpia.

CONDUCTOR **James Levine**

PRODUCTION **Luc Bondy***

SET DESIGNER **Richard Peduzzi***

COSTUME DESIGNER **Milena Canonero**

LIGHTING DESIGNER **Max Keller**

TOSCA **Karita Mattila**

CAVARADOSSI **Marcelo Álvarez**

SCARPIA **George Gagnidze**

SACRISTAN **Paul Plishka**

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Karita Mattila as Tosca,
photographed by Brigitte Lacombe

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