

Turandot opens a new chapter in the rich operatic repertoire of Carlo Colla & Figli: the Company takes on Puccini for the first time, starting with... the costumes! This Turandot was inspired by the figures designed by Umberto Brunelleschi for the first edition of the opera in 1926, herd in the Ricordi Historical Archive, never before created. While it was impossible to create such rich costumes for humans, nothing is impossible for marionettes. Thus approximately one hundred costumes were born, created in part - cut, sewn and embroidered - by the students of the POLI.design Theatrical Design Course. For each new costume, a new marionette was sculpted, and then five scenes painted, as well as new props and objects. A complex and demanding task which went on for almost a year, and which audiences can now admire in an edition which promises to be richer and more sumptuous than ever.

This time there will be no actors to tell the story, Puccini's music is certainly all that is required to understand the famous story of the cruel princess who denied love. And on stage the voices of Maria Callas, Eugenio Fernandi and Elisabeth Schwarzkopf will sing again, conducted by Tullio Serafin from the legendary edition of 1958.

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An adaptation for marionettes by Eugenio Monti Colla from an idea by the Associazione Lilopera from the homonymous opera Libretto by Giuseppe Adami and Renato Simoni from the homonymous theatrical fairy tale by Carlo Gozzi Duet and finale completed by Franco Alfano Music by Giacomo Puccini Musical consultant Danilo Lorenzini Costumes designed by Eugenio Monti Colla and Cecilia Di Marco, created by the tailoring department of the Associazione Grupporiani, inspired by original figures by Umberto Brunelleschi Sculptures by Franco Citterio and Paolo Sette Masks by Debora Coviello, Fabrizio Palla and Giovanni Schiavolin; sets and lighting by Franco Citterio Technical director Tiziano Marcolegio Directed by Eugenio Monto Colla The puppeteers Eugenio Monto Colla, Franco Citterio, Maria Grazia Citterio, Piero Corbella, Camillo Cosulich, Debora Coviello, Cecilia Di Marco, Tiziano Marcolegio, Sheila Perego, Giovanni Schiavolin, Paolo Sette Production ASSOCIAZIONE GRUPPORIANI Comune di Milano – Cultura – Teatro Convenzionato NEXT laboratorio delle idee a Lombardy Region project The costumes have been produced in collaboration with Archivio Storico Ricordi and Design per il Teatro: Costumi. 2014 Edition, a course promoted by POL. design and coordinated by Christian Silva, the costume designer Chiara Donato, the cutter Anna Rosa Amante and the supervision of Franca Squarciapino

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