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Lend Me Your Ears by Ken Wlaschin

American Anna Moffo steps into 'Traviata' furor

AMERICA, IN THE FORM OF SOPRANO ANNA MOFFO, has entered into the continuing fuss over the controversial new production of "La Traviata" at La Scala Opera House in Milan. The revolutionary production, one of the biggest musical events in recent times at La Scala, aroused comment from Trieste to Taranto (a lot of it hostile) and

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ANNA IN THE ART WORLD — Italian actress Anna Magnani looks over two of the paintings that go on sale tonight in the big benefit show being held by the Accademia Gallery in Piazza Accademia di San Luca. Thirty well-known artists have donated works for the exhibition and all the proceeds will be used to help the adopted children of Josephine Baker

Dawn Addams and her Italian husband, Prince Vittorio Massimo, have apparently failed to reach an out-of-court settlement in their five-year-old separation case. A hearing on Friday ended with a postponement until Feb. 5 which could be the final hearing... Stephen Schmidt, staff

writer and story editor for Compass Films, and his wife Mitzi were hosts at a Christmas party this weekend for Rome's answers to the Beatles, the ever-swinging Rokes. The crowd included Alberto Simonelli, director of Telesport, and most of the Compass film folk.

People and places...

Artist Manfredi Lanza will open an exhibition of his paintings at the San Marco Gallery on Via del Babuino next Monday. Lanza's wife buino next Monday. Lanza's wife Audrey is well-known to most of the American colony in Rome as she has been a teacher at the Overseas School since its founding (until this year). Lanza, who started off as a set designer, has won many prizes in painting competitions (including a first at Tivoli this past summer).

All his paintings are views and scenes, painted from life in villages and country places around Rome. His show at the San Marco will continue through Jan. 8... a 17-year-old Japanese boy named Ken-ko Sugi is looking for a penpal in Italy. If you're interested (and his hobbies include pingpong and seeing movies) write him at 2005 Funeshoji, Chofu-cho, Shimonoeki City, Yamaguchi-ken, Japan... Mr. and Mrs. Henry Joseph Rosen are staying at the Hassler Hotel... the Scuola Grafica Salesiana in Rome has published a new book by Mother M. Jerome Roman, president of Manor Jr. College in Pennsylvania, on St. Basil the Great. Titled "The Flaming Pillar of Cappadocian Caesarea" it contains 12 photos and tells the story of one of the great fourth century doctors of the church. It can be ordered from the Orphanage Book Store, 1825 West Lindley Avenue, Philadelphia... the December issue of the Casa dello Scugnizzo News has just come out reporting on happenings in Father's Borelli's home for streetboys in Naples. If you're interested in obtaining a copy (and learning a lot about Naples that you never knew before) write to the editor at 3 Largo San Gennaro in Naples.

GIOFFI

A few of his latest recordings. Among those sampling the unusual hospitality (and some of the best food we've had in a long time) were American artist Arthur Elliot, Gianni Falara, of Altalia, German architect Friedhelm Pfannmuller and wife Dagmar, writer Melton Davis (who naturally squired Judith), Egyptian poetess Nadia Motta, Doreen Cusack, Prof. H. Henningsen (director of the Villa Stuart), Dr. Vittorio Oriati, Mrs. Marlon Simon and German writer Otto Rock and his wife Dorrit... exhibition of paintings by primitive artists at the Feluca Gallery worth taking a look at... British actress



"IT'S CALLED MISTLETOE AND YA GOTTA BE CAREFUL. IT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN POISON IVY!"

Via Venetopics

The scene moved to Trastevere again Sunday night as much of the Roman art world gathered at sculptor Sergio Lanzavecchia's studio to say goodbye to art editor-historian Linda Perlman, who returns to the

U.S. tomorrow after two years work in Rome. Among those seen wandering in the dark labyrinth of the studio were architect Michael Wurmfield and his photographer wife Hope, Judy and Roger Eastman, director Jerry Jacobson, visiting Oxford scholar Nevin Schreiner, David Shirey and Norma Stevenson of Newsweek, photographer-writer John Howard, Kristin Moehlman and Annemaree Sheehan... agent Olga Chart branching out into producing now and will start shooting on her first film on Jan. 4. It's called "The Treasure of the Petrified Forest" and stars Gordon Mitchell, Eleonora Bianci and Carmela Maio. Emimmi Slavi will direct the flick which will be filmed in Eastman color, six weeks at the De Polli Studios and two weeks in Yugoslavia... some nice drawings in a manner as modern as you can imagine have just gone on show at the Odyssea Gallery. Among the artists exhibiting are Festa, Maselli, Fioroni, Del Pezzo, Schifano and Bignardi... John Mather and David Niven Jr. of the William Morris Agency noted dining in George's with director Frank Perry (who made "David and Lisa" remember). Charles Forte, considered the Italian restaurant king of London, was there with a party (coming from Paris). And in listening to Charlie Beal's late, late piano were British producer Sidney Box (here to set up a film with Jack Cardiff as director). Kurt Poulter and Count Serego Alighieri.



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