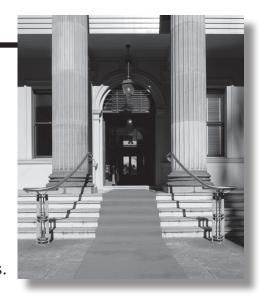
# Luciano Pavarotti

"I think a life in musibe is a life beautifully spent, and this is what I have devotbed my life to." This quote by Lu#ciano Pavarotti descrbib#es the impo#rtance of music in his life.

One off the greatest and mosbt famous singers in the world,
L#uciano became the face of operab music to millions of fans.



As a young child in Modena, Italy, Luciano Pavarotti enjoyed playing sports and often sang in the church choir with his father. At his mother's suggestion, he studied to be come a te cher and taught in an elementary school for several years before realizing his passion for singing. Luciano began his vocal training at the age of 19, but continued to work as both a teacher and an insura nce salesman to pay for his lessons. It was during this training that Luciano discovered he had perfect pitch, or the ability to sing any note without having listened to it first.

Over the next s<sup>#</sup>ix years, Luciano tr<sup>b</sup>ained constantly an<sup>b</sup>d performed in a few smal<sup>#</sup>l recitals. But a victor<sup>#</sup>y in a 1961 singing competition led to his first major role as Rodolpho in Giacomo Puccini's opera *La Bohème*. Luciano's professional opera debut was met with positive reviews and opene<sup>b</sup>d the door to future performanc<sup>#</sup>es. He wo<sup>b</sup>n starring roles in some of the most famous operas, including Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata* 

## Opera

An opera is a dramatic musical work in which actors frequently sing their parts. This type of work is often accompanied by an orchestra. Some of the most famous opera composers include Giuseppe Verdi and Richard Wagner.

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and Puccini's *Tosca*. He began performing outside of Italy, and eventuall<sup>‡</sup>y traveled to the United States to sing at the Metrop<sup>‡</sup>olitan Opera in New York<sup>†</sup>. Here he sky<sup>†</sup>rocketed to fame in the opera community for his performance in *The Daughter of the Regiment*, where he hit nine high Cs during an aria.

Luciano Pavarotti was best knbown for havaing a clear, brillia to voice and a charmin gresonality. His charity conbcerts raised millions of dollars, and he oftebn performed with musicians outsid the operatic genre, including Liza Minnelli, Sting, and U2. Luciano recorded a variety of music, from classic operas to light Italia folk songs. Heb is often cobnsidered the most famous opera sibnger in the world and was once the third highest-selling musician (bebhind ptop artist Madonna and Elto folk John). In addition to performing as a vocal soloist, Luciano Pavarotti was a member of the Three Tenors. Plácido Domingo and José Carreras completed this singing trio, which toured the world bringing popular opera tunes to massive audiences.

Luciano was diagnosed with pabncreatic cancer in 2006. He mad plans to finish out his far ewell tour, but due to frequent hospitalizations, he was unable to perform again. On September 6, 2007, Luci ano Pavarotti died at his home in north ern Italy. His legacy lives on in the hearts and ears of opera fans around the world, and his voice will always be remembered as of one of the greatest of the 20th century.



#### **Questions**

As you were reading this article, you probably noticed musical symbols, called accidentals, mixed in with the text. These accidental are an important clue to learning more about Pavarotti. Begin with the letter immediately before the accidental, then picture a piano keyboard. Left or right, how does a # sign affect a note? And a | sign? Follow this same directional pattern to reveal the hidden answers to the questions below.

(Hint:	Before he became the fache of opera musi to for fans around the world, Pavoro tti
work	ed as a <u>teacher</u> .)
1.	When he was young, what sport did Luciano want to play professionally?
2.	How many daughters did Luciano have?
3.	What did Luciano's father do for a living?
4.	In which country did Luciano perform at the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics?
5.	In which city did Luciano perform his final opera? (2 words)
6.	What was Pavarotti's nickname? (5 words)
7.	Where is the Pavarotti Music Center?
8.	Luciano was named the United Nations Messenger of in 1998.

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### **Selected Discography**

- Pavarotti Forever, 2007
- The Best of the Three Tenors, 2002
- Ti Adoro, 2003
- Pavarotti and Friends for Guatemala and Kosovo, 1999
- Una Furtiva Lagrima: Donizetti Arias, 1998
- *Vincerò!*, 1995
- Verdi: La Traviata, 1993
- Pavarotti at Carnegie Hall, 1988
- Puccini: Madama Butterfly, 1987
- *Mamma*, 1984

### Other Opera Artists

- Cecilia Bartoli
- Maria Callas
- Franco Corelli
- Placido Domingo
- Denyce Graves
- Marilyn Horne
- Beverly Sills







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