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Press Release

PRESS SCREENING

Daniel Schmid's

TOSCA'S KISS

EVENT:

A one-week engagement of Daniel Schmid's TOSCA'S KISS ("Il Bacio Di Tosca") (Italy, 1983).

TIME:

Thursday evening, March 14, at 6 PM, at JWA's screening room, 582 Market Street, San Francisco. PLEASE RSVP-921-9174.

OPENING DATE:

Friday, March 22, at the Surf Theatre, Irving at 46th Avenue, San Francisco.

RUNNING TIME:

87 minutes.

STORY:

Written and directed by veteran Swiss filmmaker Daniel Schmid, TOSCA'S KISS is a magical and moving documentary that pays homage to Giuseppe Verdi's Casa Verdi, a home for retired artists that he established in Milan.

That the film is dedicated to the Casa Verdi, but bears the name of a Puccini opera, is explained by the fact that Tosca is the only heroine on the lyrical stage whose profession is that of an opera singer, in common with Director Schmid's protagonists.

Among the illustrious residents of Casa Verdi interviewed are Sara Scuderi, one of the great divas of the past, who lights up the screen with her presence and is both humorous, sensitive, and passionate in her reactions; Giuseppe Manacchini, who remembers how he decided to retire at the right time, but still keeps a trunk with all the costumes that made him famous; and Giulietta Simonato, one of the great mezzos of our time.

COMMENT:

"From whatever standpoint -- cinematic, musical, historical or human -- TOSCA'S KISS is a crucial, moving document...the effect is magical." London Times

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