

130 Oak Street
Newburgh N.Y.
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Mr Drew Kopf,
60 Carrol Street
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Dear Drew:

This is a long overdue letter that I had planned to write to you ever since our "Gianni Eschicli" performances. At that time I was very pleased with the result of your excellent direction. It was a very funny show - thanks very largely to your excellent sense of theatre and esp. comedy.

On Monday night, Dec. 22nd - I saw the "Littico" bill at the Met - and I enjoyed it very much. It was well done and well sung, but in many respects - and in various spots - your conception was funnier. Time after time I would mentally

switch back to "our" version - and
I'd think to myself - "We won that point!"
One man's opinion!

Just one more note - "Gianni" is one
Puccini opera that does not lose in
translation! To be able to understand
every word - every subtle nuance -
certainly helps this show.

I do hope the Mid-Hudson Opera
Theatre will keep "Gianni" "alive"
for future dates. It most certainly
would delight many people who
cannot get in to see it at the
Met - and prove to them that
Opera can be really funny and
beautiful.

All the best of wishes,
Draw, for a super '76 -
and to yours!

Sincerely,
Carl