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## OPERA CAMERATA OF WASHINGTON GALA

Residence of Japanese Amb. Kenichiro Sasae | PHOTOS BY TONY POWELL

**OPERATIC EXCELLENCE:** To celebrate the conclusion of the 24th consecutive season of performing opera in ambassadorial residences, the Opera Camerata of Washington staged a production of "Madame Butterfly," hosted by Japanese Amb. **Kenichiro Sasae**. Lead singers **Asako Tamura**, as Madama Butterfly, and **Israel Lozano**, as B.F. Pinkerton, astounded the audience with their vocal range. Japanese children sporting traditional kimonos and parasols accompanied Tamura in her Act 1 entrance. Proceeded by a dinner of traditional Japanese cuisine with a twist (think smoked duck with beetroot salad), the evening supported the "Opera Up Close" program to continue free operatic performances and education in District public schools.

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