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# Gian Carlo Menotti (b. 1911)

(Contemporary classical composer, b. Cadegliano, northern Italy; st. USA, lived with of Samuel Barber; refused membership of Fascist Party; international success, Pulitzer prizes, sponsor of the Spoleto Festival dei due mondi 1958-l. Italy and Scotland)

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