

# Mefistofele

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Arrigo Boito

Libretto by Arrigo Boito

*Conductor*

Fausto Cleva

*Stage director*

Armando Agnini

*Chorus Director*

Kurt Herbert Adler

*Choreography by*

Willam Christensen

*Setting designed by*

Armando Agnini

*Settings painted by*

Eugene B. Dunkel

## CAST

*Mefistofele* Nicola Rossi-Lemeni

*Faust* Jan Peerce

*Margherita* Licia Albanese

*Marta* June Wilkins

*Wagner* Virginio Assandri

*Elena* Beverly Sills

*Pantalis* Margaret Roggero

*Nereo* Cesare Curzi

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Sixteenth Century; Germany and Greece

Act I, Scene 1 -- The Regions of Space

Scene 2 -- A Square in Frankfort, Easter Sunday

Scene 3 -- Faust's Studio

Act II, Scene 1 -- Margherita's Garden

Scene 2 -- Summit of the Brocken

Act III -- A Prison

Act IV -- Shores of the River Peneus in Greece

Epilogue -- Faust's Study

Tuesday, September 15 1953, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, September 20 1953, at 2:00 PM

**Sponsors:**

**Notes:**

"Mefistofele" opened the San Francisco Opera 1953 season

The Company General Director Gaetano Merola died on August 20th, while conducting Butterfly's "Un bel di" in San Francisco's Stern Grove. The entire 1953 season was labeled "Gaetano Merola, 1879-1953 -- In Memoriam."

Boys selected from San Francisco Boys Chorus

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