

**U.S. Opera Premiere**

# Dialogues des Carmélites (Los Angeles)

(in English)

Opera in three acts by Francis Poulenc

Libretto by Georges Bernanos

Based on (see notes)

English version by Joseph Machlis

*Conductor*

Erich Leinsdorf

*Stage director*

Harry Horner

*Stage setting and lighting by*

Harry Horner

*Chorus Director*

Gianni Lazzari

*Costumers*

Goldstein & Co.

## CAST

<i>The Marquis de la Force</i>	Ralph Herbert
<i>Blanche, his daughter</i>	Dorothy Kirsten
<i>The Chevalier, his son</i>	Jon Crain
<i>Madame de Croissy, Prioress of the Carmelites</i>	Claramae Turner
<i>Madame Lidoine, the new Prioress</i>	Leontyne Price
<i>Mother Marie of the Incarnation, Assistant Prioress</i>	Blanche Thebom
<i>Sister Constance of St. Denis, a very young nun</i>	Sylvia Stahlman
<i>Mother Jeanne of the Child Jesus, Dean of the Community</i>	Katherine Hilgenberg
<i>Sister Mathilde</i>	Donna Petersen
<i>Father Confessor of the Convent</i>	Cesare Curzi
<i>First Commissioner</i>	Howard Fried
<i>Second Commissioner</i>	Carl Palangi
<i>Jailer</i>	Harve Presnell
<i>Governess to Blanche</i>	Maria West
<i>Thierry, a valet</i>	Murray Kenig
<i>M. Javelinot, a physician</i>	Harold Enns
<i>First Officer</i>	Roald Reitan
<i>Fanatic Woman</i>	Sybil L. Knapp
<i>First Woman</i>	Carol Berrar
<i>Second Woman</i>	Barbara Johnson
<i>Old Man</i>	James Wagner
<i>The Other Nuns</i>	(see notes)

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: (not specified)

Tuesday, October 29 1957, at 8:00 PM

(No scene breakdown was published)

**Sponsors:**

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**Notes:**

New Production

In observation of the Lafayette Bicentenary

Libretto by Georges Bernanos from a short novel by Gertrud von Le Fort and a scenario by Philippe Agostini and The Rev. Fr. P. Brückberger; with the permission of Emmet Lavery.

Additional program note: The opera has been written with the authorization of Mr. Emmet Lavery, author of SONG AT THE SCAFFOLD, the stage adaptation of Gertrud von Le Fort's short novel, DIE LETZTE AM SCHAFOTT, and owner with Mrs. von Le Fort of the copyright for the short novel.

THE OTHER NUNS:

Eleanor L. Avery  
Yvonne Cadwallader  
Peggy Anne Covington  
Lois R. Duncan  
Jean H. Evans  
Eloise C. Farrell  
Athena Knyiados  
Ginger McFadden  
Louise Oldt  
Dolores San Miguel  
Annabel Thomson