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# Billy Budd

(in English)

Opera in two acts by Benjamin Britten  
Libretto by E.M. Forster and Eric Crozier  
Based on the novella by Herman Melville  
Performed in the original 1951 version

*Conductor*

Donald Runnicles

*Production*

Willy Decker

*Director*

Sabine Hartmannshenn

*Production designer*

Wolfgang Gussmann

*Lighting Designer*

Hans Toelstede

*Chorus Director*

Ian Robertson

*Sound Designer*

Roger Gans

*Musical Preparation*

Carol Isaac

Paul Harris

John Parr

Jonathan Khuner

William Hobbs

Ernest Fredric Knell

*Assistant Stage Director*

Roy Rallo

Brad Dalton

*Stage Manager*

Lisa Anderson

*Costume supervisor*

Jai Alltizer

## CAST

<i>Edward Fairfax Vere, Captain of H.M.S. Indomitable</i>	Kim Begley
<i>First Mate</i>	Joshua Bloom
<i>Second Mate</i>	Ricardo Herrera
<i>Mr. Flint, sailing master</i>	Troy Cook
<i>A sailor/The novices's friend</i>	Lucas Meachem
<i>Bosun/Gunner's mate</i>	Daniel Okulich
<i>Donald, a sailor</i>	Mel Ulrich
<i>Maintop</i>	Thomas Glenn
<i>A novice</i>	Harold Grey Meers
<i>Squeak, a ship's corporal</i>	Scott Scully
<i>Mr. Redburn, first lieutenant</i>	Theodore Baerg
<i>Mr. Ratcliffe</i>	Philip Skinner
<i>John Claggart</i>	Phillip Ens
<i>Offstage voice</i>	Jere Torkelsen
<i>Red Whiskers, an impressed man</i>	John Duykers
<i>Arthur Jones, an impressed man</i>	William Pickersgill
<i>Billy Budd, an impressed man and able seaman</i>	Nathan Gunn
<i>Dansker, an old seaman</i>	Gregory Stapp
<i>Cabin boy</i>	Ellis Briery
<i>Solo voice</i>	William Pickersgill
	Michael Rogers
	Richard Walker

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Aboard H.M.S. Indomitable, a British man-of-war, during the French Wars of 1797. The prologue and epilogue take place some years later.

Sunday, September 26 2004, at 2:00 PM  
Friday, October 1 2004, at 8:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 6 2004, at 7:30 PM  
Saturday, October 9 2004, at 8:00 PM  
Tuesday, October 12 2004, at 8:00 PM  
Sunday, October 17 2004, at 2:00 PM

Prologue

Act I, Scene 1 -- The main-deck and quarter-deck of H.M.S. Indomitable

Scene 2 -- The captain's cabin

Scene 3 -- The berth-deck

INTERMISSION

Act II, Scene 1 -- The main-deck and quarter-deck of H.M.S. Indomitable

Scene 2 -- The captain's cabin

Scene 3 -- A bay of the upper gun-deck

Scene 4 -- The main-deck and quarter-deck

Epilogue

**Sponsors:**

**Notes:**

A production of the Wiener Staatsoper, 2001.  
Scenery and costumes made by ART FOR ART Theaterservice GmbH, Vienna

Ragazzi Boys Chorus  
Joyce Keil, Artistic Director

Daniel Brenzel  
Ellis Briery  
Daniel Clancy  
Andrew Cohen  
Chris Garber  
Jordan King  
Spencer Mahlstedt  
Ryan McLeod  
Harrison Nida  
Abram St.Amand Poliakoff  
Carsten Stann  
Jeremy Wells  
Henry Wilen  
Nathan Wilen

Supernumeraries

Philippe Arbeit  
Jim Bowes  
John Brown  
Roderick Chow  
Keith Clausen  
Gary Cramer  
Marcel Delgado  
Simon Elliott-Lehbohn  
Bjon Farber  
John Guglielmelli  
Bradly Hamilton  
Mike Harvey (production super captain)  
Al Heibein  
Kevin Johnson  
Keith King  
Steve Lavezzoli  
Alyn Lewis  
Charlie Lichtman  
Andrew Melomet  
Gary Morgan  
Robert O'Connor  
Robert Palma  
Jeff Piade  
Paul Romito  
Michael Strickland  
Paul Szczesiul  
Alvin Taylor  
Walt Thorp  
Grove Wiley