

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA
Kurt Herbert Adler, general director
presents the
SHERWIN M. GOLDMAN
and
HOUSTON GRAND OPERA
production of

Porgy and Bess

(in English)

Opera in two acts by George Gershwin

Libretto by DuBose Heyward

Based on the play "Porgy" by Dorothy and DuBose Heyward

Lyrics by DuBose Heyward and Ira Gershwin

Musical Director and Chorus Master

John DeMain

Production directed by

Jack O'Brien

Principal conductor

C. William Harwood

Sets

Robert Randolph

Costumes

Nancy Potts

Lighting Designer

Gilbert V. Hemsley, Jr.

Additional Kittiwah design

John Rothgeb

Choreographer and assistant director

Mabel Robinson

Production Stage Manager/Asst. Director

Helaine Head

Assistant conductor

Paul Connelly

Musical Preparation

George Darden

CAST

<i>Jasbo Brown</i>	Paul Connelly
<i>Clara</i>	Elizabeth Graham
<i>Mingo</i>	Wardell Woodard
<i>Jake</i>	Bruce A. Hubbard
	Jubilant Sykes
<i>Sportin' Life</i>	Larry Marshall
	Ronald E. Richardson
<i>Robbins</i>	Rodrick Ross
<i>Serena</i>	Delores Ivory-Davis
	Wilma Shakesnider
	Shirley Baines
<i>Jim</i>	Hartwell Mace
<i>Peter</i>	Mervin Wallace
<i>Lily</i>	Barbara Buck
<i>Maria</i>	Joanne Jackson
	Gwendolyn Shepherd
<i>Scipio</i>	Eric Graham
<i>Porgy</i>	Donnie Ray Albert
	Robert Mosley
	Bruce A. Hubbard
	Michael Smartt
<i>Crown</i>	George Robert Merritt
	Andrew Smith
<i>Bess</i>	Wilhelmenia Fernandez
	Gail Nelson
	Naomi Moody
<i>Detective</i>	Joseph Warren
<i>Policeman</i>	William Gammon
<i>Undertaker</i>	Michael Smartt
<i>Annie</i>	Shirley Baines
<i>Frazier</i>	Raymond Bazemore
<i>Strawberry Woman</i>	Loretta Giles
<i>Crab Man</i>	Steven Alex-Cole
<i>Coroner</i>	John B. Ross

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Charleston, South Carolina, 1935

Tuesday, June 21 1977, at 8:00 PM
Wednesday, June 22 1977, at 8:00 PM
Thursday, June 23 1977, at 2:00 PM
Thursday, June 23 1977, at 8:00 PM
Friday, June 24 1977, at 8:30 PM
Saturday, June 25 1977, at 2:30 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- Catfish Row, a summer evening
Scene 2 -- Serena's Room, the following night
Scene 3 -- Catfish Row, a month later
Scene 4 -- Kittiwah Island, late afternoon
There will be a 15 minute intermission

Saturday, June 25 1977, at 8:30 PM

Act II, Scene 1 -- Catfish Row, before dawn, a week later

Sunday, June 26 1977, at 2:30 PM

Scene 2 -- Serena's Room, the dawn of the following day

Monday, June 27 1977, at 9:00 PM

Scene 3 -- Catfish Row, the next night

Tuesday, June 28 1977, at 8:00 PM

Scene 4 -- Catfish Row, the next afternoon

Wednesday, June 29 1977, at 2:00 PM

Scene 5 -- Catfish Row, a week later

Wednesday, June 29 1977, at 8:00 PM

Thursday, June 30 1977, at 8:00 PM

Sponsors:

Notes:

Presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

The producers wish to express their gratitude to Louis Aborn, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gershwin, Jennifer Heyward, Robert Kimball, Kay Swift, and Mrs. Edgar Tobin for their assistance, advice, and confidence.

ENSEMBLE

Steven Alex-Cole
Vanessa Ayers
Shirley Baines
Earl Baker
Kenneth Bates
Clyde Battles
Raymond Bazemore
Barbara Buck
Loretta Giles
Earl Grandison
Alma Johnson
Janet Jordan
Donald Walter Kase
Christal Lockley
Hartwell Mace
Barbara Mahajan
Diane Matthew
Patricia McDermott
Margery A. Medina
Diane Randolph
Dwight Ransom
Ronald E. Richardson
Rodrick Ross
Gwendolyn Shepherd
Michael Smartt
Jubilant Sykes
Mervin Wallace
Daniel Washington
Wardell Woodard
Barbara Louise Young

UNDERSTUDIES

Understudies never substitute for listed players unless a specific announcement is made at the time of performance

Porgy -- Hartwell Mace, Daniel Washington
Bess -- Diane Randolph
Crown -- Michael Smartt
Clara -- Alma Johnson
Maria -- Vanessa Ayers
Sportin' Life -- Steven Alex-Cole
Robbins -- Ronald E. Richardson
Peter -- Kenneth Bates
Frazier -- Earl Grandison
Annie -- Barbara Louise Young
Lily -- Loretta Giles
Strawberry Woman -- Barbara Buck, Janet Jordan
Undertaker -- Earl Grandison, Donald Walter Kase
Jim -- Donald Walter Kase
Detective and Coroner -- William Gammon

SHERWIN M. GOLDMAN PRODUCTIONS, INC.

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General Counsel -- Harvey Horowitz, Squadron Elenoff, Plesent & Lehrer
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Producer's Staff -- Fredda Stoll, Richard-Jay-Alexander
Management Associate -- Veronica Claypool
Tour Arrangements == Podium Management Associates

HOUSTON GRAND OPERA STAFF

General Director -- David Gockley
Associate Director -- Robert Buckley
Principal Conductor -- John DeMain
Development Director -- John F. Mastroianni
Director of Marketing -- Margaret Genovese
Production Coordinator -- M. Jane Weaver

PORGY AND BESS COMPANY STAFF

Company Manager -- Mario De Maria
Production Stage Manager -- Helaine Head
Stage Manager -- Sally McCravey
Assistant Stage Manager -- William Gammon
Vocal Contractor and Coordinator -- E.L.B. Artists Enterprises, Inc., Earl Baker
Assistant to the Company Manager -- Tommy Potts
Production Carpenter -- Elb