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Boris Godunov

(In Russian)

Opera in two acts by Modest Petrovich Mussorgsky

Libretto by Modest Petrovich Mussorgsky

Based on historical tragedy by Alexander Pushkin and "History of the Russian State" by Nikolai Karamzin

Original 1869 version

Conductor

Vassily Sinaisky

Production

Stein Winge

Director

Julia Pevzner

Set designer

Göran Wassberg

Costume Designer

Kari Gravklev

Lighting Designer

Duane Schuler

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Fight Director

Jonathan Rider

Musical Preparation

Paul Harris

Musical Preparation

John Parr

Musical Preparation

Lara Bolton

Musical Preparation

Jonathan Khuner

Cast

Nikitich, a police officer Kenneth Kellogg

Mityukha, a peasant Valery Portnov

*Shchelkalov, Secretary of
the Duma* Nicolai Janitzky

Prince Shuisky John Uhlenhopp

Boris Godunov Samuel Ramey

*Pimen, a monk and
chronicler* Vitalij Kowaljow

*Grigory (the Pretender
Dimitri)* Vsevolod Grivnov

The innkeeper Catherine Cook

Missail, a vagabond monk Matthew O'Neill

Varlaam, a vagabond monk Vladimir Ognovenko

Xenia, daughter of Boris Ji Young Yang

Fyodor, son of Boris Jack Gorlin

Nurse Daveda Karanas

The simpleton Andrew Bidlack

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

Place and Time: Russia, 1598-1605

Musical Preparation

Alya Joffe

Prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Supertitles

Patricia Houk

Assistant Stage Director

Roy Rallo

Stage Manager

Lisa Anderson

Costume Supervisor

Jai Alltizer

Wig and Makeup Designer

Gerd Mairandres

Production Super Captain

Mike Harvey

Wednesday, Oct 22 2008, 7:30 PM

Thursday, Oct 30 2008, 7:30 PM

Sunday, Nov 02 2008, 2:00 PM

Tuesday, Nov 04 2008, 8:00 PM

Friday, Nov 07 2008, 8:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov 12 2008, 7:30 PM

Saturday, Nov 15 2008, 8:00 PM

Scene 1 -- Outside the Novodevichy Monastery, near Moscow

Scene 2 -- A square in the Kremlin, Moscow

Scene 3 -- A cell in the Chudov Monastery

Scene 4 -- An inn near the Lithuanian border

INTERMISSION

Scene 5 -- The Tsar's apartments in the Imperial Palace, Moscow

Scene 6 -- Outside of the Cathedral of St. Basil, Moscow

Scene 7 -- The Granovitaya Hall in the Kremlin

Notes

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Supertitles, Courtesy of Houston Grand Opera

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