

Cal Performances and San Francisco Opera present

Three Decembers

(in English)

Opera in two acts by Jake Heggie

Libretto by Gene Scheer

Based on "Some Christmas Letters", a play by Terrence McNally

Commissioned and co-produced by Houston Grand Opera, San Francisco Opera and Cal Performances

Conductor

Patrick Summers

Director and Designer

Leonard Foglia

Costume Designer

Cesar Galindo

Lighting Designer

Brian Nason

Musical Preparation

Bryndon Hassman

Assistant Stage Director

Morgan Robinson

Stage Manager

Gina Hays

Orchestra Manager

Tracy Davis

Orchestra Librarian

Carrie Weick

CAST

Charlie Keith Phares

Beatrice Kristin Clayton

Madeline Mitchell Frederica von Stade

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: The action takes place in San Francisco, Hartford, Barbados and New York

Thursday, December 11 2008, at 7:30 PM

Friday, December 12 2008, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, December 14 2008, at 3:00 PM

Part One (1986)

INTERMISSION

Part Two (1996)

Part Three (2006)

Sponsors:

Notes:

ENSEMBLE

Piano -- Jake Heggie
Piano -- Patrick Summers
Violin -- Kay Stern, Concertmaster
Violin -- Laura Albers, Associate Concertmaster
Violin -- Heidi Wilcox, Assistant Concertmaster
Cello -- David Kadarauch
Bass -- Joseph Lescher
Oboe, English horn -- Janet Archibald
Clarinet, Bass clarinet -- Anthony Striplen
Soprano saxophone, alto saxophone, flute -- David Henderson
Percussion -- Patricia Niemi

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