

World Premiere

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Dead Man Walking

(in English)

Opera in two acts by Jake Heggie

Libretto by Terrence McNally

Based on book by Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ

Commissioned by San Francisco Opera

The commission is provided, in part, by The Carlyle Fund, Susan and Dennis Carlyle, co-founders.

Libretto developed with the assistance of The Howard Gilman Foundation.

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Conductor

Patrick Summers

Production

Joe Mantello

Set designer

Michael Yeagan

Costume Designer

Sam Fleming

Lighting Designer

Jennifer Tipton

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Assistant Set Designer

Adam Stockhausen

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Bryndon Hassman

Adelle Eslinger

John Churchwell

Ernest Fredric Knell

Sara Jobin

Prompter

Sara Jobin

Assistant Stage Director

Brad Dalton

Roy Rallo

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

Fight Coordinator

Kimberly Basso

CAST

Young Man Sean San Jose*

Young Woman Dawn Walters*

Joseph de Rocher John Packard*

Teddy Tahu Rhodes* † (October 10, 19, 28m)

Anthony de Rocher, Joseph's brother David Tenenbaum*

Sister Helen Prejean Susan Graham*

Kristine Jepson* (October 10, 17, 19, 28m)

Sister Rose Theresa Hamm-Smith*

A mother Rachelle Perry*

Sister Lillianne Sally Mouzon*

Sister Catherine Virginia Pluth*

Jimmy Charlton Jeremy Singletary*

Mrs. Charlton Donita Volkwijn*

A motor cop David Okerlund*

Father Grenville, the prison chaplain Jay Hunter Morris*

George Benton, the prison warden John Ames*

First prison guard David Okerlund*

Second prison guard Philip Horst*

First inmate Richard Walker*

Second inmate Daniel Harper*

Third inmate David Kekuewa*

Fourth inmate Frederick Winthrop*

Fifth inmate Frederick Matthews*

A paralegal Jim Croom*

Mrs. Patrick de Rocher, Joseph's mother Frederica von Stade*

Her 19-year-old son Eli Borggraeve*

Her 14-year-old son Mario Sawaya*

Owen Hart, father of the murdered girl Robert Orth*

Kitty Hart, mother of the murdered girl Nicolle Foland*

Jade Boucher, mother of the murdered boy Catherine Cook*

Howard Boucher, father of the murdered boy Gary Rideout*

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Louisiana in the early 1980s

Saturday, October 7 2000, at 7:30 PM
Tuesday, October 10 2000, at 8:00 PM
Friday, October 13 2000, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, October 17 2000, at 8:00 PM
Thursday, October 19 2000, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, October 22 2000, at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, October 25 2000, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, October 28 2000, at 1:00 PM
Saturday, October 28 2000, at 8:00 PM

Sponsors:

The opening performance of October 7th is sponsored by The Chase Global Private Bank.

The performance of October 17th is sponsored by Peet's Coffee and Tea.

The performance of October 25th is sponsored by Meyer Sound Laboratories, Inc.

Notes:

Scenery, props, costumes and wigs constructed in the San Francisco Opera workshops.

Supertitles are taken from the original libretto.

Credits for songs heard at the beginning of the opera:

"Watching You"

Music and lyrics by Jake Heggie (BMI)

Produced and arranged by Brian Culbertson

Jimmy Demers, vocals

Tollak Ollestad, harmonica

Michael Thompson, acoustic and electric guitars

Lary Kimpel, bass

Todd Sucherman, drums and percussion

Recorded at Megatrax by Eddie King, North Hollywood, CA

Mixed by Craig Bauer at Hinge, Chicago, IL

"A Kiss in the Dark"

Music by Jake Heggie (BMI)

Performed by Dave Koz, soprano and alto saxophones

Produced by Brian Culbertson and Dave Koz

Keyboards and arrangement: Brian Culbertson

Recorded at BCM by Doug Rider and Brian Culbertson

Mixed by Craig Bauer at Hinge, Chicago, IL

Brian Culbertson appears courtesy of Atlantic Records

Dave Koz appears courtesy of Capitol Records

Supernumeraries

Donna Aarons

Joan Kwansa

Jamie Daniels

Archie Anderson

Doug Ceffalo

Blake Chapman

Jamie Daniels

James Draper

Terry Kildow

Mickel London

Greg Montes

Tony Nugent

Buford Powers

Ben Scott

Adam Their

Jim Troup

Wolfgang von Huttick

Children's Choruses

San Francisco Girls Chorus -- Magen Solomon, Interim Artistic Director

San Francisco Boys Chorus -- Ian Robertson, Artistic Director

Golden Gate Boys Chorus -- Steven Meyer, Artistic Director

Andrea Butler

Megan McQuillan

Leila Novotny

Courtney Tydus

Arman Hirose-Afshari

Alexander Bonner

Justin Hausey

Adrian Pyles

James Singletary

Jeremy Singletary