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Aida (Sept., Oct.)

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Antonio Ghislanzoni

Co-production with Houston Grand Opera and English National Opera

Additional support provided by United Airlines

Conductor

Nicola Luisotti

Director

Jo Davies

Production designer

Zandra Rhodes

Lighting Designer

Christopher Maravich

Original choreographer

Jonathan Lunn

Revival Choreographer

Lawrence Pech

Fight Director

Jonathan Rider

Assistant conductor

Giuseppe Finzi

Musical Preparation

Bryndon Hassman

John Churchwell

Ernest Fredric Knell

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Tamara Sanikidze

Prompter

Bruno Nicoli

Supertitles

Jerry Sherk

Francesca Zambello

Assistant Stage Director

Jose Maria Condemani

Stage Manager

Rachel C. Henneberry

Costume supervisor

Jai Alltizer

Production Super Captain

Paul Szczesiul

CAST

Radames Marcello Giordani*

Ramfis Hao Jiang Tian

Amneris Dolora Zajick

Aida Micaela Carosi

The King of Egypt Christian Van Horn

A messenger David Lomeli

A priestess Leah Crocetto

Solo dancer Chiharu Shibata

Damon Mahoney

Amonasro Marco Vratogna

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Epoch of the pharaohs; Memphis and Thebes

Friday, September 10 2010, at 8:00 PM
Thursday, September 16 2010, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 19 2010, at 2:00 PM
Friday, September 24 2010, at 8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 29 2010, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, October 2 2010, at 8:00 PM
Wednesday, October 6 2010, at 7:30 PM

ACT I, Scene 1 -- The King's palace at Memphis
Scene 2 -- The Temple of Fthà
Act II, Scene 1 -- Amneris's apartment in the palace, Thebes
Scene 2 -- A public square in Thebes
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Act III -- The banks of the Nile, outside the Temple of Isis
Act IV, Scene 1 -- The judgment hall
Scene 2 -- A tomb below the Temple

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Notes:

The performance of Friday, September 24th, was the subject of a live simulcast to AT&T Park, home of the San Francisco Giants, in partnership with Webcor Builders. The official attendance figure was 32,000.

SUPERNUMERARIES

Gracie Bernacki
Kai Brothers
Steve Carp
Pam DeWeerd
Joan Dickson
Darcy I. Fink
Eliza Fox
Eddy Gordillo
Ursula Grunfeld
John Guglielmelli
Robert B. Hoyer
Nancy Huie
Sherman Lee
Naomi Mandelstein
Teresa McGill
Lynn Meinhardt
Scott Pearson
Vanessa-Juliana Petker
Leo R. Pribble
Adam Reeser
Amie Rodriguez
Patricia Rodriguez
Paul Romito
Steven Schwager
Lawrence C. Shorter
Christopher R.T. Smith
Raymon Smith
Carlos Suarez
Paul Szczesiul
James Troup
Ann L. Williamson
Katerina Zaporozhnetz-Rubin

CHILDREN DANCERS

Maya Akkaraju
Disha Desai
Prachi Goyal
Anusha Goyal
Mansi Patel