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Der Rosenkavalier

(in German)

Opera in three acts by Richard Strauss

Libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal

Conductor

Charles Mackerras

Stage Director

Lotfi Mansouri
Elisabeth Söderström

Designer (after original Alfred Roller designs)

Thierry Bosquet

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

William Hobbs

John Parr

Carol Isaac

Sara Jobin

Carlos Spierer

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Assistant Stage Director

Sandra Bernhard

Stage Manager

Theresa Ganley

CAST

Octavian Susan Graham

The Marschallin Yvonne Kenny

Renée Fleming (12/2,5,7,10)

Mohammed Kellee Marie Taylor

The Marschallin's major-domo Harold Brock

The Marschallin's footman Colby Roberts

Jere Torkelsen

The Marschallin's footmen John Davey-Hatcher

The Marschallin's footman Frederick Matthews

Baron Ochs Franz Hawlata

First noble orphan Virginia Pluth

Second noble orphan Sally Mouzon

Third noble orphan Rachelle Perry

A milliner Suzanne Ramo

An animal vendor Richard Walker

Valzacchi Ragnar Ulfung

Annina Judith Christin

An Italian Singer Carlo Scibelli

Todd Geer (12/5,7,10)

A notary Donald Sherrill

Leopold Pete Opdyke

Faninal Peter Sidhom

Sophie Rebecca Evans

Kirsten Blanck † (12/5,7,10)

Marianne Penelope Chalmers †

Faninal's major-domo Douglas Perry

An innkeeper Todd Geer

Waiter at the inn Richard Walker

Tom Reed

Ken Johnson

Devid Kekuewa

A police commissioner Daniel Sumegi

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Vienna, early years of the reign of the Empress
Maria Theresia

Friday, November 17 2000, at 7:30 PM

Monday, November 20 2000, at 7:30 PM

Friday, November 24 2000, at 7:30 PM

Wednesday, November 29 2000, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 2 2000, at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 5 2000, at 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 7 2000, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 10 2000, at 1:30 PM

Act I -- the Marschallin's bedroom, early morning

Act II -- Faninal's house, two days later

Act III -- An inn on the outskirts of Vienna, the following evening

Sponsors:

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Notes:

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

Supernumeraries

Robin Church
Nancy Huie
Priscilla Lore
Nadine Prah
Brianna Taylor

Tom Bajorek
Mark Burstein
Marcus Cenicerros
Gary Cramer
Pedro Echeandia
Jay Franz
John Giosso
Tom Giuliano
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