

World Premiere

Heart of a Soldier

(in English)

Opera in two acts by Christopher Theofanidis

Libretto by Donna Di Novelli

Based on the book by James B. Stewart and the life stories of Susan Rescorla, Rick Rescorla, and Daniel J. Hi

Conductor

Patrick Summers

Director

Francesca Zambello

Set designer

Peter J. Davison

Costume Designer

Jess Goldstein

Lighting Designer

Mark McCullough

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Projection Designer

S. Katy Tucker

Sound Designer

Tod Nixon

Physical Action Director

Rick Sordelet

Choreographer and Dance Master

Lawrence Pech

Fight Director

Jonathan Rider

Assistant conductor and prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Musical Preparation

Bryndon Hassman

Ernest Fredric Knell

David Hanlon

Assistant Stage Director

Matthew Ozawa

Stage Manager

Jennifer Good

Costume supervisor

Jai Alltizer

Wig and Makeup Designer

Gerd Mairandres

CAST

<i>Susan Rescorla</i>	Melody Moore*
<i>Joe</i>	Trevor Scheunemann*
<i>Omaha</i>	Ta'u Pupu'a*
<i>Tom</i>	Michael Sumuel*
<i>Dex</i>	Daniel Snyder*
<i>Sam</i>	Wayne Tigges*
<i>Cyril</i>	Henry Phipps*
<i>Cyril's Mother</i>	Maya Lahyani*
<i>Rick Rescorla</i>	Thomas Hampson*
<i>Dan Hill</i>	William Burden*
<i>Mercenaries</i>	David Gustafson*
	Christopher Jackson*
	William Pickersgill*
	Jere Torkelsen*
<i>Juliet</i>	Nadine Sierra*
<i>Pat</i>	Sara Gartland*
<i>Bridesmaids</i>	Susannah Biller*
	Maya Lahyani*
<i>Imam</i>	Mohannad Mchallah*
<i>Kathy</i>	Maya Lahyani*
<i>Joseph</i>	Trevor Scheunemann*
<i>Robert</i>	Ta'u Pupu'a*
<i>Ann</i>	Sara Gartland*
<i>Lolita</i>	Susannah Biller*
<i>Wesley</i>	Wayne Tigges*
<i>Dexter</i>	Daniel Snyder*
<i>Maria</i>	Nadine Sierra*
<i>Ted</i>	Michael Sumuel*
<i>Joan</i>	Sally Mouzon*
<i>Tony</i>	David Gustafson*
<i>Barbara</i>	Carole Schaffer*

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME:

Prologue - Lower Manhattan and Morristown, New Jersey, September 2001

ACT I, Scene 1 - Cornwall England, June 1944

ACT I, Scene 2 - Northern Rhodesia, Bravado Bar, 1962

ACT I, Scene 3 - Fort Benning, Georgia, 1965

ACT I, Scene 4 - Ia Drang River Valley, Vietnam, 1965

ACT I, Scene 6 - Dallas, Texas, 1972

ACT II - World Trade Center and Morristown, New Jersey, 1998-2001

Saturday, September 10 2011, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, September 13 2011, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 18 2011, at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, September 21 2011, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, September 24 2011, at 2:00 PM
Tuesday, September 27 2011, at 8:00 PM
Friday, September 30 2011, at 8:00 PM

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