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## World Premier

# Dream of the Red Chamber

(In English)

Opera in 2 acts by Bright Sheng  
Libretto by David Henry Hwang and Bright Sheng  
Based on the book by Cao Xueqin  
Sung in English with English and Chinese supertitles

### *Conductor*

George Manahan

### *Director*

Stan Lai

### *Production Designer*

Tim Yip

### *Lighting Designer*

Gary Marder

### *Choreographer*

Fang-Yi Sheu

### *Chorus Director*

Ian Robertson

### *Dance Master*

Lawrence Pech

### *Fight Director*

Dave Maier

### *Assistant Conductor*

Joseph Marcheso

### *Musical Preparation*

Robert Mollicone

## Cast

*Monk/Dreamer*

Randall Nakano \*

*Stone/Bao Yu*

Yijie Shi \*

*Flower/Dai Yu*

Pureum Jo \*

*Stone (voice)/Eunuch*

Pene Pati †

*Stone (voice)/Eunuch*

Alex Boyer

*Stone (voice)/Eunuch*

Edward Nelson

*Flower (voice)/Lady-in-  
Waiting*

Amina Edris †

*Flower (voice)/Lady-in-  
Waiting*

Toni Marie Palmertree †

*Flower (voice)/Lady-in-  
Waiting*

Zanda Švēde †

*Solo Maid*

Zanda Švēde †

*Granny Jia*

Qiulin Zhang \*

*Lady Wang*

Hyon Kim \*

*Bao Chai*

Irene Roberts

*Aunt Xue*

Yanyu Guo

*Princess Jia*

Karen Chia-ling Ho \*

\*San Francisco Opera debut †Current Adler Fellow

Stephanie Rhodes  
Maureen Zoltek  
Fabrizio Corona  
Dennis Doubin

*Prompter*

Andrew Whitfield

*Chinese Supertitles*

Sharon Chan  
Joanna C. Lee  
Patrick P. Lee

*Assistant Director*

Roy Rallo  
E. Reed Fisher

*Stage Manager*

Lisa Anderson

*Assistant Stage Manager*

Sarah Bingel  
Jimmy Marcheso  
Lisa-Marie Shuster  
Jodi Gage

*Costume Supervisor*

Kristi Johnson

*Head of Wig and Makeup*

Jeanna Parham

*Producing Consultant*

Joanna C. Lee

**Time and Place:** Dynastic China

**Act I, Scene 1:** The Grand Hall

**Act I, Scene 2:** Dai Yu's chamber

**Act I, Scene 3:** Pear court pavilion

**Act I, Scene 4:** Bao Yu's chamber

**Act I, Scene 5:** The Grand Hall

**Intermission**

**Act II, Scene 1:** Bamboo grove

**Act II, Scene 2:** Princess Jia's quarters at the palace/Granny's chamber

**Act II, Scene 3:** A hall in the estate

**Act II, Scene 4:** Far side of the lake/Bamboo grove

**Act II, Scene 5:** The Grand Hall

**Act II, Scene 6:** Lake/Monk's room

**Saturday, Sep 10 2016, 7:30 PM**

**Tuesday, Sep 13 2016, 7:30 PM**

**Sunday, Sep 18 2016, 2:00 PM**

**Friday, Sep 23 2016, 7:30 PM**

**Tuesday, Sep 27 2016, 7:30 PM**

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