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Aida

(in Italian)

Opera in three acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Antonio Ghislanzoni

The opening performance of Aida is dedicated to the memory of Ardis Krainik

Supertitles provided by a generous grant from The Stanley S. Langendorf Foundation

Conductor

Donald Runnicles

Production

Paula Williams

Set designer

Wolfram Skalicki

Costume Designer

Lawrence Casey

Additional costumes designed by

Thierry Bosquet

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Choreographer

Donald Byrd

Musical Preparation

Kathleen Kelly

Joyce Fieldsend

Susan Webb

Ernest Fredric Knell

Svetlana Gorzhevskaya

Supertitles

Jerry Sherk

Francesca Zambello

Assistant Stage Directors

Laurie Feldman

Gretchen Mueller

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

Saturday, February 8 1997, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, February 11 1997, at 8:00 PM
Thursday, February 13 1997, at 8:00 PM
Friday, February 14 1997, at 8:00 PM
Sunday, February 16 1997, at 2:00 PM
Tuesday, February 18 1997, at 8:00 PM
Thursday, February 20 1997, at 7:30 PM
Friday, February 21 1997, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 23 1997, at 2:00 PM

CAST

<i>Ramfis</i>	Francesco Ellero d'Artegna
<i>Radames</i>	Walter Fraccaro (2/8,13,16,18,20,23) Fabio Armiliato (2/11,14,21)
<i>Amneris</i>	Nina Terentieva Eugenie Grunewald (2/13,16,21)
<i>Aida</i>	Michèle Crider Marquita Lister (2/13,16,21)
<i>The King of Egypt</i>	Chester Patton Daniel Sumegi (2/13,18,20,21, 23)
<i>A messenger</i>	Stuart Skelton
<i>A priestess</i>	Nicolle Foland Alison Buchanan (2/18,20,21,23)
<i>Amonasro</i>	Timothy Noble Christopher Robertson (2/13,20)

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

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

Act I, Scene 1 -- The King's palace in 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

Act III, Scene 1 -- The banks of the Nile, outside the Temple of Isis

Scene 2 -- The judgment hall

Scene 3 -- A tomb below the Temple

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New production

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Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop and by Michael-Jon Costumes, New York

ADDITIONAL PERFORMERS

DANCERS

Jill Cassimatis
Brigid Hoag
Marilyn Miller
Suzanne Saltmarsh
Tracy Shields
Dana Stackpole

Philip Amer
Harlan Bengal
Jeffrey Elsass
Ney Fonseca
Fabrice Lemire
Shaun Rouse

SUPERNUMERARIES

Traude Albert
Janet Bensick
Pat Beresford
Arlene Berner
Rebecca Bryant
Kay Cheatham
Annette Clark
Esther Jennings
Diane Knoll
Andrea Kohlruss
Sara Lee
Lynn Meinhardt
Jennifer A. Minore
Stephanie Salter
Janet Tang
Kimberly Thompson
Carolyn Waugh

Kevin Austin
Lawrence Austin
Richard Bayne
Jerome Benton
Curt Berner
Jordan Berner
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Tom Carlisle
Douglas Ceffalo
Marcus Ceniceros
Roderick Chow
Dana Coffin
Paul Crabtree
Gary Cramer
Al Cummings
Robert Dantzier
Siegfried Diesterbeck
Scott Dowdee

Jim Downey
John Duff
Jim Dyvad
Milko Encinas
Bob Ericson
Chris Garlington
Kevin Gee
Joe Giammarco
Jeff Gillman
Mark Gondek
Gilbert Gonzalez
Eddy J. Gordillo
Chip Grant
Gene Gunderson
Rick Gydesen
Tom Hadfield
Lloyd E. Hall
Michael Harvey
Sadik Huseny
Clint Jennings
Dean Johnson
Claude Jones
Todd Jones
Frank Jorgensen
Robert Keast
Keith King
Bill Klaproth
Alfred Knoll
Andrew Korniej
Andreas Krieger
Steve Lavezzoli
Bill Lehan
Charlie Lichtman
Hal Maguire
Henry Mailin
Ron Mann
John Martin
Chris Matthews
Jason Michael Mayo
Bruce McNaughton
TC McQueen
Robert Melton
David Meyers
Jim Miller
David Norton
Anthony Nugent
Christopher Patnoe
Bill Perasso
Michael Peredo
Jeff Piade
John Plotz
Dennis Poll
Bill Ramirez
David Ransom
Sean Rimer
David Robinson
Bill Roehl
Will Sanderson
Rene Schaub
Lawrence Severino
Andrew Spemich
André Stafford
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