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Das Rheingold

(in German)

Opera in one act by Richard Wagner

Libretto by Richard Wagner

San Francisco Opera's 1999 Ring Festival is dedicated to the memory of the late Terence A. McEwen, Company general director from 1982 to 1988.

Conductor

Donald Runnicles
Michael Boder (6/20)

Original production by

Nikolaus Lehnhoff

Stage Director

Andrei Serban

Original production designed by

John Conklin

Revised by

John Coyne

Revised costume designs by

Bob Ringwood†

Lighting Designer and special effects

Thomas J. Munn

Projections

Ron Scherl
Tom Janus

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Musical Preparation

Adelle Eslinger,
Bryndon Hassman
Robert Morrison
David Syrus
Susan Webb
William Lacey
Peter Grunberg
Eric Weimer
Marilyn Barnett

Prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Supertitles

Jerry Sherk
Francesca Zambello

Assistant Stage Director

Laurie Henley
Paula Williams
Brad Dalton

Ballet Master

Lawrence Pech

Stage Manager

Theresa Ganley

CAST

<i>Woglinde</i>	Suzanne Ramo
<i>Wellgunde</i>	Elizabeth Bishop Kristin Clayton (6/9)
<i>Flosshilde</i>	Elena Bocharova
<i>Alberich</i>	Tom Fox Peter Sidhom † (6/20)
<i>Fricka</i>	Elizabeth Bishop (6/9) Marjana Lipovsek Elena Zarembo (6/20)
<i>Wotan</i>	James Morris Jeffrey Wells (6/20)
<i>Freia</i>	Nicolle Foland
<i>Fasolt</i>	Reinhard Hagen
<i>Fafner</i>	Eric Halfvarson
<i>Froh</i>	James Cornelison Mark Baker (6/20)
<i>Donner</i>	Jeffrey Wells David Okerlund (6/20)
<i>Loge</i>	Thomas Sunnegardh
<i>Mime</i>	Gary Rideout
<i>Erda</i>	Elena Zarembo Ellen Rabiner (6/20)

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: (not specified)

Wednesday, June 9 1999, at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 15 1999, at 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 20 1999, at 2:00 PM

Friday, June 25 1999, at 7:00 PM

Scene I -- The river Rhine

Scene 2 -- Terrace of the gods

Scene 3 -- Nibelheim

Scene 4 -- Terrace of the gods

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Notes:

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios
Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

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Supernumeraries

Susan Alden
Dorothy Brown
Deanna Carter
Laura Chin
Pam DeWeerd
Carol Douglass
Rose Ericson
April Funcke
Gisèle Giorgi
Regan Grader
Priscilla Lore
Karol Luque
Jennifer A. Minore
Stephanie Salter
Anna Stulz
Kimberly Thompson
Mimi Timberlake
Sally Warren
Ann Williamson
Anna Wilson
Jaye Winkler

Jésus Acosta-Hughes
Trey Alonso
Keith Bartel
Nick Cianci
Robert E. Ericson

Curtis Gong-Guy
McKenzie Huneke
Sherman Lee
Alessandro Miglietta
Fermin Nasol
Anthony Nugent
George Nugent
Michael Peredo
Oliver Pollard
Tom Romero
Conway Savageau
Dan Solomon
Michael Strickland
Miguel Torres
David W. Touchstone
Ron Wizelman
Jerry Zientara

Puppeteer/Consultant -- Wendy Morton

Mimes
Galina Alexandrova
Jodi Allen
Christina de Shazo
Nora Heiber
Michael Kruzich
Cory Larsen
Gareth Scott