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Götterdämmerung

(in German)

Opera in three acts 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 (6/29)

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

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Eric Weimer
Adelle Eslinger
Marilyn Barnett
Robert Morrison
Susan Webb
Peter Grunberg
Jonathan Khuner
William Lacey
Philip Eisenberg
Ernest Fredric Knell

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg

Supertitles

Jerry Sherk
Francesca Zambello

Assistant Stage Director

Laurie Henley
Paula Williams
Kristine McIntyre

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

CAST

<i>First Norn</i>	Elena Zarembo
<i>Second Norn</i>	Catherine Cook
<i>Third Norn</i>	Kristine Ciesinski
<i>Brünnhilde</i>	Jane Eaglen
	Frances Ginzer (6/29)
<i>Siegfried</i>	Wolfgang Schmidt
	George Gray (6/29, 7/3)
<i>Gunther</i>	Alan Held
	David Okerlund (6/24)
<i>Hagen</i>	Eric Halfvarson
<i>Gutrune</i>	Kristine Ciesinski
<i>Waltraute</i>	Marjana Lipovsek
	Elizabeth Bishop (6/29)
<i>Alberich</i>	Tom Fox
	Peter Sidhom (6/29)
<i>Woglinde</i>	Suzanne Ramo
<i>Wellgunde</i>	Elizabeth Bishop
<i>Flosshilde</i>	Elena Bocharova

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: (not specified)

Wednesday, June 16 1999, at 6:30 PM

Thursday, June 24 1999, at 6:30 PM

Prologue, Part 1 -- A distant field

Prologue, Part 2 -- A remote mountaintop

Tuesday, June 29 1999, at 6:30 PM

Saturday, July 3 1999, at 3:00 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- The hall of the Gibichungs

Scene 2 -- A remote mountaintop

INTERMISSION

Act II -- Outside the hall of the Gibichungs

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Act III, Scene 1 -- A rocky slope on the banks of the Rhine

Scene 2 -- Outside the hall of the Gibichungs

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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

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Irene Bechtel
Marie Brewer
Shenny Carlson
Gloria Christison
Annette Clark
Maria Dobrovolny
Rose Ericson
April Funcke
Renée Gibbons
Regan Grader
Brenda Jones
Lisa Lorea
Lesley Mendenhall
Deborah Rawlinson
Marian Reyes
Christine Seigel
Verna Stassevitch
Kimberly Thompson
Ann Williamson
Jaye Winkler

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