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PLACE AND TIME: (not specified)

**Conductor**
Donald Runnicles
Michael Boder (6/29)

**Stage Director**
Andrei Serban

**Original production by**
Nikolaus Lehnhoff

**Stage Director**
Andrei Serban

**Original production designed by**
John Conklin

**Libretto by**
Richard Wagner

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**Prologue, Part 1 -- A distant field**

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Irene Bechtel
Marie Brewer
Shenny Carlson
Gloria Christison
Annette Clark
Maria Dobrovovsky
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
Steve Bauman
Brian Cara
Marcus Ceniceros
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