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Norma

(in Italian)

Opera in two acts by Vincenzo Bellini

Libretto by Felice Romani

Based on a play by Louis Alexandre Soumet

Supertitles provided by a generous gift from A.T. Kearney, Inc.

Conductor

Patrick Summers

Stage Director

Andrew Sinclair

Set designer

José Luciano Varona

Costume Designer

Robert Perdziola

José Luciano Varona

Lighting Designer

Michael Whitfield

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Bryndon Hassman

Marilyn Barnett

Peter Grunberg

William Lacey

Prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Assistant Stage Director

Sandra Bernhard

Kristine McIntyre

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

Saturday, November 7 1998, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, November 10 1998, at 8:00 PM
Sunday, November 15 1998, at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, November 18 1998, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 21 1998, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, November 24 1998, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, November 28 1998, at 1:00 PM

CAST

Oroveso Andrea Silvestrelli

Pollione Michael Sylvester

Flavio Gary Rideout

Norma Carol Vaness

Adalgisa Anna Caterina Antonacci

Clotilde Christina Lamberti

Norma's child Samantha Seigel

Lauren Sliter

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Gaul, during the Roman occupation, about 50 B.C.

Act I, Scene 1 -- The sacred forest of the Druids
Act I, Scene 2 -- Norma's secret dwelling
Act II, Scene 1 -- Norma's secret dwelling
Act II, Scene 2 -- A lonely spot near the forest
Act II, Scene 3 -- The temple of Irminsul

Sponsors:

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Notes:

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

Supernumeraries

Susan Alden
Megan Alexander
Sarah Alexander
Phyllis Blair
Lisa Lorea
Mimi Timberlake
Ceci Valente
Laurel Winzler

Terry Kildow
Andrew Korniej
Oliver Pollard