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Death in Venice

(in English)

Opera in two acts by Benjamin Britten

Libretto by Myfanwy Piper

Based on the novella by Thomas Mann

Conductor

Donald Runnicles

Production

Lotfi Mansouri

Set designer

Wolfram Skalicki

Costume Designer

Susan Benson

Lighting Designer

Michael Whitfield

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Choreographer

Michael Smuin

Assistant to Michael Smuin

Celia Fushille-Burke

Musical Preparation

Peter Grunberg

Joyce Fieldsend

Kathleen Kelly

Ernest Fredric Knell

Svetlana Gorzhevskaya

Prompter

Kathleen Kelly

Assistant Stage Director

Gina Lapinski

Sandra Bernhard

Stage Manager

Theresa Ganley

CAST

<i>Gustav von Aschenbach</i>	Kenneth Riegel
<i>The traveler</i>	Alfonso Antoniozzi
<i>Elderly fop</i>	Alfonso Antoniozzi
<i>Old gondolier</i>	Alfonso Antoniozzi
<i>The hotel manager</i>	Alfonso Antoniozzi
<i>The hotel barber</i>	Alfonso Antoniozzi
<i>The leader of the players</i>	Alfonso Antoniozzi
<i>The voice of Dionysus</i>	Alfonso Antoniozzi
<i>Ship steward</i>	Frederick Matthews
<i>Lido boatman</i>	Mel Ulrich
<i>Hotel porter</i>	Harold Brock
<i>French girl</i>	Aimée Puentes
<i>French mother</i>	Donna Turchi
<i>First Americans</i>	Jim Croom
<i>Second American</i>	Richard Walker
<i>German father</i>	William Pickersgill
<i>German mother</i>	Alexandra Nehra
<i>Polish guest</i>	Henryk De Rewenda
<i>Danish lady</i>	Dallas Lane
<i>English lady</i>	Kathleen Fuchs
<i>Russian nanny</i>	Claudia Siefer
<i>Russian father</i>	Valery Portnov
<i>Russian mother</i>	Mitzi Weiner
<i>Hotel waiter</i>	Aram Barsamian
<i>Polish family's governess</i>	Jane Murray
<i>First daughter</i>	Natalie Flores
<i>Second daughter</i>	Stephanie Orza
<i>Tadzio</i>	Christopher Newnam
<i>Tadzio's mother</i>	Celia Fushille-Burke
<i>Jaschiu</i>	John Hall
<i>Strawberry seller</i>	Alison Buchanan
<i>First gondolier</i>	Richard Walker
<i>Guide</i>	Jere Torkelsen
<i>Lace seller</i>	Virginia Pluth
<i>Glassmaker</i>	Jim Croom
<i>Beggar woman</i>	Sally Munro
<i>Restaurant waiter</i>	Aram Barsamian
<i>Second gondolier</i>	Frederick Matthews
<i>Third (offstage) gondolier</i>	Colby Roberts
<i>Voice of Apollo</i>	Michael Chance
<i>Newspaper seller</i>	Christina Lamberti
<i>Cardinal at St. Mark's</i>	Scott Wilde
<i>First acrobat</i>	Jonathan Porretta
<i>Second Acrobat</i>	Matthew Powell
<i>Strolling player</i>	Peggy Kriha Dye
	Stuart Skelton

English clerk in travel bureau David Okerlund

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: 1911; Munich and Venice

Thursday, September 11 1997, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 14 1997, at 1:00 PM
Wednesday, September 17 1997, at 7:30 PM
Friday, September 19 1997, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, September 23 1997, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 27 1997, at 8:00 PM

ACT I

Scene 1 -- Munich

Scene 2 -- On the boat to Venice

Scene 3 -- The journey to the Lido

Scene 4 -- The first evening at the hotel

Scene 5 -- On the beach

Scene 6 -- The foiled departure

Scene 7 -- The games of Apollo

INTERMISSION

ACT II

Scene 8 -- The hotel barber's shop

Scene 9 -- The pursuit

Scene 10 -- The strolling players

Scene 11 -- The travel bureau

Scene 12 -- The lady of the pearls

Scene 13 -- The dream

Scene 14 -- The empty beach

Scene 15 -- The hotel barber's shop

Scene 16 -- The last visit to Venice

Scene 17 -- The departure

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Notes:

Supertitles are taken from the original libretto

ADDITIONAL PERFORMERS

Dancers

Nick Arbhinal-Scott
Peter Gamino
James Gotesky
James Moore
Chavín Muñiz
Aaron Orza
Seth Orza
Aaron Simunovich

Supernumeraries

Regina Bustillos
Leah Hall
Kristina Kling
Andrea Kohruss
Jane Murray
Samantha Spiegel
Laurel Winzler

Pedro Echeandia
Milko Encinas
Charles Filipov
Rick Gydesen
Luke Konigsmark
Robert Lee
David Lezan
Oliver Pollard
Lucas Rebston
Louis Schilling
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