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Rigoletto

(in Italian)

Opera in three acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Francesco Maria Piave

Based on "Le Roi s'amuse" by Victor Hugo

CAST

PLACE AND TIME: 16th century; Mantua and vicinity

Conductor
David Robertson

Production
Mark Lamos

Set designer
Michael Yeargan

Costume Designer
Constance Hoffman

Lighting Designer
Pat Collins

Chorus Director
Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation
Bryndon Hassman
Kristin Roach
Peter Grunberg
Eisenberg

Prompter
Philip Eisenberg

Supertitles
Jerry Sherk

Assistant Stage Director
Brad Dalton
Zoe Pappas

Stage Manager
Jerry Sherk

Saturday, September 13 1997, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, September 16 1997, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 20 1997, at 2:00 PM
Friday, September 26 1997, at 8:00 PM
Wednesday, October 1 1997, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, October 5 1997, at 1:00 PM
Tuesday, October 7 1997, at 8:00 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- The Duke's palace

Act I, Scene 2 -- A street

INTERMISSION

Act II -- A room in the Ducal Palace

INTERMISSION

Act III -- Sparafucile's inn

The Duke of Mantua

Richard Leech (10/1)

Borsa

Stuart Skelton

Countess Ceprano

Alison Buchanan

Count Ceprano

Jay Baylon

Rigoletto

Paolo Gavanelli

Marullo

John Austry

Monterone

Scott Wilde

Sparafucile

Anatoli Kotcherga †

Gilda

Ruth Ann Swenson

Giovanna

Josepha Gayer

A page

Laura Decher

An usher

Mel Ulrich

Maddalena

Elena Zaremba

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

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Notes:
New production

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

Supernumeraries
Susan Anderson
Katherine Brazaitis
Renée DeJarnatt
Amy Glaze
Andrea Kohlruss
Lisa Lorea
Raven Lee Meadows
Jennifer Minore
Anna Stulz
Niloufar Talebi
Kimberly Thompson
Sally Warren
Laurel Winzler

Richard Bayne
Emiliano Benevides
Keith Clausen
Gary Cramer
Eddy Gordillo
Albert Malkin
Ron Mann
Jason Mayo
Luis Paz
Oliver Pollard
David Robinson
Louis Schilling
Dan Wilson