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Hamlet

(in French)

Opera in five acts by Ambroise Thomas
Libretto by Jules Barbier and Michel Carré
Based on Shakespeare's play

Conductor

Yves Abel

Production

Colin Graham

Set designer

Gerard Howland

Costume Designer

Robert Perdziola

Lighting Designer

Peter Kaczorowski

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Joyce Fieldsend

Philip Eisenberg

Adelle Eslinger

Peter Grunberg

Jonathan Khuner

Svetlana Gorzhevskaya

Supertitles

Colin Graham

Assistant Stage Director

Sandra Bernhard

Stage Manager

Theresa Ganley

Movement Assistant

Victoria Morgan

Fight Consultant

Larry Henderson

CAST

Claudius, King of Denmark Robert Lloyd

Queen Gertrude Judith Forst

Hamlet, son of the former King of Denmark and Queen Gertrude Thomas Hampson

Ophélie Ruth Ann Swenson

Laërte, her brother Daniel Hendrick (9/14,19,29)

Benoît Boutet

Horatio John Autry

Marcellus Stuart Skelton

The Ghost of Hamlet's father Kevin J. Langan

Polonius, Court Chamberlain John Relyea

First Gravedigger Bojan Knezevic

Second Gravedigger Daniel Harper

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Elsinore, Denmark

Thursday, September 12 1996, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 14 1996, at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, September 17 1996, at 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 19 1996, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 22 1996, at 1:30 PM

Tuesday, September 24 1996, at 7:30 PM

Friday, September 27 1996, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 29 1996, at 1:30 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- The castle in Elsinore

Act I, Scene 2 -- The castle ramparts

Act II, Scene 1 -- The castle gardens

Act II, Scene 2 -- The great hall in the castle

INTERMISSION

Act III -- The royal apartments

Act IV -- The gardens; the edge of a lake

Act V -- The cemetery at Elsinore

Sponsors:

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Notes:

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

ACROBAT -- Kelly Toomey

SUPERNUMERARIES

Regina Bustillos

Andrea Kohlruss

Susan Mead

Kimberly Thompson

Mimi Timberlake

Mattia Cabitza

Eddy Gordillo

Larry Hunnicutt

Christopher Patnoe

Oliver Pollard

Louis Schilling

Jim Shields