

New production

Faust

(in French)

Opera in five acts by Charles Gounod
Libretto by Jules Barbier and Michel Carré
Based on the epic drama by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Conductor

Patrick Summers

Production

Nicolas Joël

Set designer

Gerard Howland

Costume Designer

Walter Mahoney

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Bryndon Hassman

Joyce Fieldsend

Ernest Fredric Knell

Prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Assistant Stage Director

Yefim Maizel

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Thursday, October 26 1995, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, October 29 1995, at 2:00 PM
Tuesday, October 31 1995, at 8:00 PM
Friday, November 3 1995, at 8:00 PM
Sunday, November 5 1995, at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, November 8 1995, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 11 1995, at 8:00 PM
Thursday, November 16 1995, at 8:00 PM

CAST

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| <i>Faust</i> | Richard Leech |
| <i>Méphistophélès</i> | Samuel Ramey |
| <i>Wagner</i> | Philip Skinner |
| <i>Valentin</i> | Rodney Gilfry |
| <i>Marguerite</i> | Nancy Gustafson |
| <i>Marthe</i> | Catherine Cook |
| <i>Siebel</i> | Susan Quittmeyer |
| | Zheng Cao (10/29,31) |

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Medieval Germany

Act I -- Faust's study
Act II -- The Kermesse
INTERMISSION
Act III -- Marguerite's garden
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Act IV, Scene 1 -- A street
Act IV, Scene 2 -- A church
Act IV, Scene 3 -- A public square
Act V, Scene 1 -- Walpurgis Night
Act V, Scene 2 -- A prison

Sponsors:

The performance of October 31st is sponsored by Bank of California.

The performance of October 31st is designated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wetzel's membership in the Triple Gold Circle.

The performance of November 3rd is designated in honor of the Triple Gold Circle membership of Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Johnson, Jr.

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Notes:

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

SUPERNUMERARIES

Traude Albert
Sarah Anderson
Pat Angell
Pat Beresford
Arlene Berner
Phyllis Blair
Rebecca Bryant
Mark Burstein
Tom Carlisle
Pat Carpenter
Madeline Chase
Annette Clark
Peter Clark
Margory Cohen
Huguette Combs
Nikolaje De Vrsac
Pam DeWeerd
Shawn Dubin
Darcy Fink
Serenity Forchion
Mary Freeman
Gwendolyn Nasser Gardner
Sonia Giovanni
Karen Goodwyn
Regan Gradet
Ursula Grunfeld
Amalia Del Socorro Guerrero
Maria Guerrero
Mary Hanni
Naomi Hartley-Dawson
Frank Jorgensen
Lisa Klein
Diane C. Knoll
Joan Kwansa
Wayne McCord
Jean Clark Marks
Robert Morgan-Wilde
Will Murray
Beverly Mutnick
Christine Okan
Annette R. Peretti
Paul Ricks
Denise Scaglione
Ludmila Shashurin
Linda Jean Slocum
Elsie Smith
Don Stoddard
Michael Strickland
Thane Thomas
Kimberly Thompson
Mimi Timberlake
Too Too Tomato
Kelly Toomey
Linda Ann Unemori
Ceci Valente
Lord Veerman
Rick Weil

Susan Weiss
Merry West
Liebe Wetzel
Mary Whitney
Phyllis Williams
Sharyl Wong