

New Production

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Otello (Rossini)

(in Italian)

Opera in three acts by Gioachino Rossini
Libretto by Francesco Maria Berio di Salsa
Based on tragedy by William Shakespeare

Conductor

Patrick Summers

Production

Laurie Feldman

Designer

Gerard Howland

Costume Designer

Zack Brown

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Commedia scenarios by

Fratelli Bologna

Laurie Feldman

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Bryndon Hassman

Kathleen Kelly

Prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Assistant Stage Director

Paula Williams

Gina Lapinski

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

Fight Director

Michael Cawelti

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Tuesday, October 4 1994, at 8:00 PM
Sunday, October 9 1994, at 2:00 PM
Thursday, October 13 1994, at 7:30 PM
Tuesday, October 18 1994, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, October 22 1994, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, October 25 1994, at 7:30 PM
Friday, October 28 1994, at 8:00 PM

CAST

<i>Otello</i>	Chris Merritt
<i>The Doge</i>	Gregory Cross
<i>Iago</i>	Craig Estep
<i>Rodrigo</i>	Bruce Ford
<i>Elmiro</i>	Kevin J. Langan
<i>Emilia</i>	Mika Shigematsu
<i>Desdemona</i>	Cecilia Gasdia
<i>Gondolier</i>	Hong-Shen Li
<i>Lucio</i>	Alfredo Portilla
<i>The Commedia</i>	Fratelli Bologna
<i>Desdemona</i>	William Hall
<i>Otello</i>	John X. Heart
<i>Elmiro</i>	Letitia Bartlett
<i>Rodrigo</i>	Richard Dupell
<i>Iago</i>	Steven Kearin
<i>Emilia</i>	John X. Heart

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Late 16th-century Venice

Act I, Scene 1 -- Piazza di San Marco
Act I, Scene 2 -- Desdemona's chamber
Act I, Scene 3 -- Elmiro's palace
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Act II -- Outside Elmiro's palace
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Act III -- Desdemona's bedroom

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Notes:

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

SUPERNUMERARIES

Dorothy Brown
Regina Bustillos
Brenda Czernysz
Renée DeJarnatt
Diana Kissil
Andrea Kohlruss
Maria McNulty
Susan Mead
Rebecca Metz
Stephanie Salter
Valentina Simi
Kimperly Thompson
Ceci Valente
Carolyn Waugh

John Atkinson
Steve Bauman
Mark Burstein
Clive Butler
Peter Cannon
Joshua Contreras
David Dahlstrand
Pedro Echeandia
Milko N. Encinas
Mark Fons
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