

New Production

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Tannhäuser

(in German)

Opera in three acts by Richard Wagner

Libretto by Richard Wagner

Supertitles for "Tannhäuser" are made possible by an anonymous donor.

Conductor

Donald Runnicles

Production

Lotfi Mansouri

Designer

Gerard Howland

Costume Designer

Walter Mahoney

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Choreographer

Michael Smuin

Musical Preparation

Joyce Fieldsend

Robert Morrison

Adelle Eslinger

Kathleen Kelly

Peter Grunberg

Philip Eisenberg

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg

Assistant Stage Director

Sandra Bernhard

Stage Manager

Theresa Ganley

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Wednesday, October 12 1994, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 15 1994, at 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 20 1994, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, October 23 1994, at 1:30 PM

Wednesday, October 26 1994, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 29 1994, at 7:30 PM

Wednesday, November 2 1994, at 7:30 PM

CAST

<i>Venus</i>	Catherine Keen
<i>Tannhäuser</i>	Wolfgang Schmidt
<i>Shepherd</i>	James Locke
<i>Landgraf Hermann</i>	Victor von Halem
<i>Walther von der Vogelweide</i>	Stephen Guggenheim
<i>Biterolf</i>	Daniel Sumegi
<i>Heinrich der Schreiber</i>	Gary Rideout
<i>Reinmar von Zweter</i>	Scott Wilde
<i>Wolfram von Eschenbach</i>	Jorma Hynninen
<i>Elisabeth</i>	Deborah Voigt*
<i>First Page</i>	Pamela Dillard
<i>Second Page</i>	Dallas Lane
<i>Third Page</i>	Sue Ellen Scheppke
<i>Fourth Page</i>	Shelley Seitz
<i>Ballet soloist</i>	Evelyn Cisneros
	Mario Alonzo
	Charles Torres

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Venusberg, Wartburg

Act I, Scene 1 -- Venusberg

Act I, Scene 2 -- A mountain valley in spring

INTERMISSION

Act II -- The Hall of Song

INTERMISSION

Act II -- A mountain valley in autumn

Sponsors:

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Notes:

Paris Version

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

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Summer Lee Rhatigan

Debra Rose

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Antonio Lopez

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