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# Mefistofele

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Arrigo Boito

Libretto by Arrigo Boito

Based on "Faust" by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

*Conductor*

Julius Rudel

*Production*

Robert Carsen

*Stage Director*

Peter McClintock

*Designer*

Michael Levine

*Lighting Designer*

Thomas J. Munn

*Chorus Director*

Ian Robertson

*Assistant to Maestro Rudel*

Ian Robertson

Valery Ryvkin

*Choreographer*

Victoria Morgan

*Musical Preparation*

Joyce Fieldsend

Svetlana Gorzhevskaya

Ernest Fredric Knell

*Prompter*

Jonathan Khuner

*Assistant Stage Director*

Laurie Feldman

*Stage Manager*

Jerry Sherk

*Supertitles*

Christopher Bergen

Sunday, November 13 1994, at 2:00 PM  
Wednesday, November 16 1994, at 7:30 PM  
Monday, November 21 1994, at 8:00 PM  
Sunday, November 27 1994, at 2:00 PM  
Wednesday, November 30 1994, at 7:30 PM  
Saturday, December 3 1994, at 8:00 PM  
Tuesday, December 6 1994, at 8:00 PM  
Friday, December 9 1994, at 8:00 PM

## CAST

<i>Mefistofele</i>	Samuel Ramey
<i>Faust</i>	Richard Margison
<i>Wagner</i>	Joseph Frank
<i>Margherita</i>	Aprile Millo
	Patricia Racette (12/3, 6, 9)
<i>Marta</i>	Judith Christin
<i>Elena</i>	Carol Neblett
<i>Pantalis</i>	Elizabeth Bishop
<i>Nereo</i>	Gregory Cross

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: (not specified)

PROLOGUE -- In Heaven  
Act I, Scene 1 -- Easter Sunday  
Act I, Scene 2 -- The Pact  
INTERMISSION  
Act II, Scene 1 -- The Garden  
Act II, Scene 2 -- Walpurgis Night  
Act III -- The Death of Margherita  
INTERMISSION  
Act IV -- Classical Walpurgis Night  
EPILOGUE -- The Death of Faust

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Eric Thomé

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Costars -- Wanda Sherman, Director

Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers -- Steven Meyer, Director

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San Francisco Boys Chorus -- Laura D. Kakis, Director

San Francisco Girls Chorus -- Sharon Paul, Director; Elizabeth Avakian, Chorus School Director

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SUPERNUMERARIES

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