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Otello

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Arrigo Boito

Based on the play by William Shakespeare

Conductor

Donald Runnicles

Stage Director

Emilio Sagi

Designer

Zack Brown

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Associate Lighting Designer

Christopher Maravich

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

John Churchwell

Adelle Eslinger

Carol Isaac

Judith Yan

Ernest Fredric Knell

Prompter

Robert Wood

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Assistant Stage Directors

Sharyn Pirtle

Helena Binder

Stage Manager

Lisa Anderson

Fight Director

Jonathan Rider

Wednesday, October 9 2002, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, October 12 2002, at 8:00 PM
Wednesday, October 16 2002, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, October 19 2002, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, October 22 2002, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, October 26 2002, at 2:00 PM
Tuesday, October 29 2002, at 8:00 PM
Friday, November 1 2002, at 8:00 PM

CAST

Montano Philip Skinner

Cassio Raymond Very

Iago Sergei Leiferkus

Roderigo Brian Anderson

Otello Jon Fredric West (10/9, 16, 19, 22, 26 [Act I])

Richard Decker (10/12)

Antonio Barasorda (10/26 [Acts II, III], 11/1)

Vladimir Galouzine (10/29)

Desdemona Patricia Racette*

Emilia Catherine Cook

A herald Brad Alexander

Lodovico Eric Owens

Gregory Stapp (10/16)

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Late 15th century; a seaport on Cyprus

Act I -- Outside Otello's castle by the sea

Act II -- A hall and terrace of the castle

Act III -- The great hall of the castle

Act IV -- Desdemona's bedchamber

Sponsors:

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Notes:

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Patricia Racette sang in one previous concert performance of Otello.
In these performances, she was taking part in her first staged production of the opera.

Additional Performers

CHILDREN's CHORUSES

San Francisco Girls Chorus
Susan McMane, Artistic Director
Elisabeth Avakian, Chorus School Director

Randrea Acta
Lily Anderson
Jamelia Brown
Alison Cleary
Allison Cobley
Shannon Delany
Nora Downs
Katherine Goodrich-Visconti
Rachel Jansen
Bianca Joson
Grace Komarek-Meyer
Justine Mar
Kaurie Russell
Theresa Sims
Juliana Spector
Clare Stumpf
Elaine Sullivan
Adrianna Sung
Lilian Yuan
Jessica Zhang

Ragazzi Boys Chorus
Joyce Keil, Artistic Director

Grant Adams
Andrew Cohen
Andrew Colford
Thane Graham
Juan Carlos Gumucio
Aaron Kaswen
Jordan King
Collin Lee
Christopher McMillan
Jack Mosbacher
Gus Meuschke
Harrison Nida
Ian Rosenfield
Abram St. Amand Poliakoff
David Sedgwick
Jeremy Wells
Nathan Wilen
Andrew Winters
Michael Wu
Justin Yu

Supernumeraries

Sarah Alexander
Sharon Castle
Diane Knoll
Andrea Kohruss
Melinda Martin
Susan Mead
Darlene Purcell
Patti Tsai

Philippe Arbeit
Steve Bauman
Mark Burstein
Tom Carlisle
David Clark
Gary Cramer
Marcel Delgado
J.D. Durst
Bjon Farber
Michael Harvey
Larry Hunnicutt
Terry Kildow
Keith King
Charlie Lichtman
Mickel London
Albert Malkin
Ron Mann
Ed Mitchell
Mort Raphael
Will Sanderson
Louis Schilling
Paul Sczesiul
Neal Troiano
Rich Vaughn
Griffin Whiting