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War and Peace

(in Russian)

Opera in (notes) acts by Sergei Prokofiev

Libretto by S. Prokofiev and Mira Mendelson-Prokofieva

Based on the novel by Leo Tolstoy

Conductor

Valery Gergiev †

Alexander Anissimov (Oct.2)†

Production

Jérôme Savary †

Set designer

Michel Lebois †

Costume Designer

Emmanuel Peduzzi

Jacques Schmidt

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Choreographer

Victoria Morgan

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Philip Kelsey

Ernest Fredric Knell

Svetlana Gorzhevskaya

Susanna Lemberskaya

Prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Assistant to Mr. Lebois

Mireille Hanna

Assistant Stage Directors

Laurie Feldman

Peter McClintock

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Stage Manager

Gretchen Mueller

CAST

Prince Andrei Bolkonsky Dimitri Kharitonov*

Natasha Rostova Ann Panagulias*

Sonya Catherine Keen

The Host Kip Wilborn

Master of Ceremonies Dennis Petersen

Marya Dmitrievna Akhrosimova Irina Bogachova

Madame Peronskaya Jane Marsh

Count Rostov Nikita Storojev

Pierre Bezukhov Barry McCauley*

Hélène Bezukhova Elena Zaremba

Anatol Kuragin Yuri Marusin

Dolokhov Philip Skinner

Denisov Dale Travis

Tsar Alexander Dudley Brooks

The Bolkonsky chambermaid Mary Mills

The Bolkonsky old footman Victor Ledbetter

Bolkonsky's valet Micah Graber

Princess Marya Bolkonskaya Jacalyn Bower

Old Prince Nicolai Bolkonsky Vladimir Ognovenko †

Matryosha, a Gypsy Olga Markova-Mikhailenko †

Yanyu Guo (9/7, 10, 12)

A French abbé Craig Estep

Métivier, a French doctor Hector Vasquez

The coachman Balaga Gennadi Bezubekov †

Dunyasha, the Rostov chambermaid Patricia Racette

Gavrila, Akhrosimova's footman Robert Milne †

Napoleon Valery Alexeiev †

Tikhon Shcherbaty Kristopher Irmiter

Fyodor Grier Hanedanyan †

Trishka Reveka Mavrovitis

Matveyev Vladimir Ognovenko

Prince Andrei's orderly Ross Halper

First Prussian General Henryk De Rewenda

Second Prussian General Valery Portnov

Field Marshal Kutuzov Paul Plishka*

Kutuzov's aide-de-camp Craig Estep

First staff officer Dennis Petersen

Second staff officer Robert Milne

Marshal Berthier Victor Ledbetter

Napoleon's aide-de-camp Jere Torkelsen

General Compan's aide-de-camp Kip Wilborn

Murat's aide-de-camp Yanyu Guo

General Belliard Hector Vasquez

Prince Eugene's aide-de-camp Joseph Frank

Monsieur De Beausset Paul Gudas

An off-stage voice Richard Brown

<i>General Bennigsen</i>	Dale Travis
<i>General Barclay de Tolly</i>	LeRoy Villanueva
<i>General Yermolov</i>	Gennadi Bezubenkov
<i>General Konovnitsin</i>	Daniel Harper
<i>General Rayevsky</i>	Nikita Storojev
<i>An off-stage voice</i>	Hector Vasquez
<i>Captain Ramballe</i>	Victor Ledbetter
<i>Lieutenant Bonnet</i>	Dennis Petersen
<i>Jacquot</i>	Robert Milne
<i>Gérard</i>	Craig Estep
<i>A shopkeeper</i>	Kristine Jepson
<i>Mavra Kuzminichna, the Rostov maid</i>	Catherine Cook
<i>A young workman</i>	Daniel Harper
<i>Ivanov</i>	Grier Hanedanyan
<i>A French officer</i>	Micah Graber
<i>Platon Karatayev</i>	Alexandre Naoumenko †
<i>Marshal Davout</i>	Gennadi Bezubenkov
<i>First madman</i>	Joseph Frank
<i>Second madman</i>	Hector Vasquez
<i>Third madman</i>	Ross Halper
<i>First French actress</i>	Laura Claycomb
<i>Second French actress</i>	Mary Mills

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Russia, Between 1806 and 1812

Saturday, September 7 1991, at 7:00 PM
 Tuesday, September 10 1991, at 7:00 PM
 Thursday, September 12 1991, at 7:00 PM
 Sunday, September 15 1991, at 1:00 PM
 Friday, September 20 1991, at 7:00 PM
 Thursday, September 26 1991, at 7:00 PM
 Wednesday, October 2 1991, at 7:00 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- Spring 1806. The Rostov estate at Otradnoye
 Act I, Scene 2 -- New Year's Eve, 1810. A ball in St. Petersburg
 Act I, Scene 3 -- January, 1811. The Bolkonsky mansion, Moscow
 Act I, Scene 4 -- A party at the Bezukhov house
 Act I, Scene 5 -- Dolokhov's apartments
 Act I, Scene 6 -- The same night. Madame Akhrosimova's house
 Act I, Scene 7 -- The same night. At Pierre Bezukhov's house

Epigraph: The people of Russia affirm the sanctity of Russia against the invader

INTERMISSION

Act II, Scene 8 -- August 25, 1812. The Rayevsky redoubt, before the Battle of Borodino
 Act II, Scene 9 -- August 25, 2 p.m. The Shevardino redoubt
 Act II, Scene 10 -- August 27, 6 p.m. Outside Moscow
 Act II, Scene 11 -- September-October 1812. Moscow
 Act II, Scene 12 -- Outside Moscow, behind the Russian lines
 Act II, Scene 13 -- November 1812. The French retreat from Moscow

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