Capriccio
(in German)

Opera in one act by Richard Strauss
Libretto by Clemens Krauss and R. Strauss

CAST

Flamand, a composer                        David Kuebler
Olivier, a poet                            Simon Keenlyside †
La Roche, a theater director               Victor Braun
The Count                                 Kiri Te Kanawa
The Count, her brother                    Håkan Hagegård
The Major Domo                            Dale Travis
Clairon, an actress                       Tatiana Troyanos
Eight Servants                           Stephen Guggenheim
                                           Hector Vasquez
                                           James Caputo
                                           Magnus Baldvinsson
                                           Daniel Sumegi
                                           Patrick Denniston
                                           Steven Condy
                                           Earle Patriarco

Two Dancers                               Shannon Lilly
                                           David Justin

An Italian Tenor                          Craig Estep
An Italian Soprano                        Maria Fortuna
Monsieur Taupe, a prompter                Michel Sénéchal

Musician                                  Leonid Igudesman, violin
                                           David Budd, cello

*Role debut  †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: The action takes place in the salon of a château near Paris.

THERE WILL BE ONE INTERMISSION
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**Notes:**
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Matthew Epstein, Artistic Consultant

Official label: “A Conversation Piece for music by Richard Strauss”

Scenery from the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie, Brussels

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

Scenery co-owned by San Francisco Opera and the Royal Opera, Covent Garden

Miss Te Kanawa's costumes constructed by Gary Dahms

The performances of June 20, 25 and 28 are being taped for a telecast. Lighting will be augmented accordingly.