

This production of "Mefistofele" is made possible by Mr. & Mrs. John C. McGuire and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tilton.

Mefistofele

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Arrigo Boito

Libretto by Arrigo Boito

Based on "Faust" by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Supertitles provided by a generous and most appreciated gift from William and Eloise Rollnick.

Conductor

Maurizio Arena

Production

Robert Carsen

Designer

Michael Levine

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Choreographer

Alphonse Poulin †

Musical Preparation

Christopher Larkin

Susanna Lemberskaya

Patrick Summers

Svetlana Gorzhevskaya

Philip Eisenberg

Robert Morrison

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg

Assistant Stage Directors

Peter McClintock

Claudia Zahn

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

Saturday, September 16 1989, at 8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 19 1989, at 8:00 PM

Friday, September 22 1989, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, September 24 1989, at 2:00 PM

Thursday, September 28 1989, at 8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 4 1989, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, October 8 1989, at 2:00 PM

Tuesday, October 10 1989, at 7:30 PM

CAST

Mefistofele Samuel Ramey

Faust Dennis O'Neill

Wagner Daniel Harper

Margherita Gabriela Benacková

Marta Judith Christin

Elena Gabriela Benacková

Pantalis Emily Manhart

Nereo Douglas Wunsch

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: (not specified)

PROLOGUE -- In Heaven

Act I, Scene 1 -- Easter Sunday

Scene 2 -- The Pact

INTERMISSION

Act II, Scene 1 -- The Garden

Scene 2 -- Walpurgis Night

Act III -- The Death of Margherita

INTERMISSION

Act IV -- Classical Walpurgis Night

EPILOGUE -- The Death of Faust

Sponsors:

Notes:

(For correct diacritical marks in Gabriela Benacková's name, please consult the program book.)

This production of "Mefistofele" is a co-production with the Grand Théâtre de Genève and is co-owned by the San Francisco Opera and the Lyric Opera of Chicago,

Scenery constructed by the Grand Théâtre de Genève and the San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by the Grand Théâtre de Genève and the San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

Organ provided courtesy of Baldwin Piano & Organ Center, Santa Clara

Performances of Sept. 19, 22 and 24 were being taped for a telecast, with augmented lighting.

San Francisco Girls Chorus
Elizabeth Appling, Director

Hannah Appel
Victoria Barrett
Carrie Burr
Izabel Caetano
Mira Dittmer
Jean-Marie Fanuu
Katie Ford-Smith
Amy Harris
Rachel Kohr
Elena Krasnovsky
Vanessa Langer
Vicki Leung
Joyce Lin
Andrea Massey
Lee Menzies
Claire Mondares
Marguerite Mugge
Valerie Paik
Elaiune Robertson
Pamela Varady

San Francisco Boys Chorus
Philip Hahn, Director

David Alderman
Kevin Angstenberger
Michael Davis
Joseph Fanvu
Mark Forte
Iain Fry
Haralambas Hadjivassiliou
Matthew Hammond
Scott Kronmiller
David Lee
James Locke
Norman Moy
James Muiter
Christopher Olson
Gian Patel
Joseph Penrod
Paul Ryan
Cole Thomason-Redus
Kevin Traugott
John Wgeeler-Rappe

DANCERS
Elizabeth Cooper
Nora Heiber
Marina Hotchkiss
Carolyn Houser
Debra Rose
Laurie Skophammer

Katherine Warner

Gregory Dawson
Michael Denham
Danny Furlong
Geoffrey Hipps
Steve Kirby
Winthrop Marcirak
Thomas Segal

SUPERNUMERARIES (first group of three operas)

Susan Anderson
Letitia Bartlett
Dorothy Brown
Jamie Daniels
Renée DeJarnatt
Sara Felder
Ann Fitzgerald
Debra Girard
Candace Kahn
Nancy Levidow
Holly Morrison
Dorothy Papo
Sally Warren
Carolyn Waugh
Susan Weiss
Laurel Winzler

Joseph Alietti
David Altman
Stephen Bartlett-Re
Steve Bauman
John Bogan
David Clover
Kermit Duval
Lawrence Ewing
Peter Felleman
John Gilbert
Tom Giuliano
Albert Goodwyn
Terry Gordon
Bill Higgins
Mark Huelsman
Ron Kakiki
Keith Kamrath
Dan Kyte
Greg Lawrance
Oscar Manzanares
Oren McEwen
Matt Miller
Ian Mishkin
Paul Newman
Barry Nielsen
Chris Noll
Bob Palmer
Christopher Patnoe
Paul Salemme
Louis Schilling
Chris Sheffield
Wolfram Siede
Steve Siegelman
Gary Sprague
Max Subervi
Alex Weibezahn
Ned Van Alstyne
Alex Vicens

GIRLS AND BOYS

Josephine Bigman
Kirsten Clover
Carla Guzzetti
Katherine Kaplan
Morgan Kibby
Kirsten Konigsmark
Kate Lehrkind

Molly Lehrkind
Kate Noll
Sharon Papo
Lauren Vance
Bina Zaitso
Mara Zitten

Arthur Cooper
Michael Dalton
Danny Deixler
Peter Dennis
Nicholas Fobes
Kyle Glankler
Daniel Gray
David Konigsmark
Tom McWilliams
Lucas Priolo
Jonathan Fukuyama Seigel
Jogreany Sosa
Brandon Sherman