

Otello

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Arrigo Boito

Based on the play by William Shakespeare

Supertitles underwritten through a generous grant from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Conductor

Kazimierz Kord

Production

Jean-Pierre Ponnelle

Stage director

Grischa Asagaroff

Designer

Jean-Pierre Ponnelle

Lighting Supervisor

Joan Arhelger

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Patrick Summers

Scott Gilmore

Christopher Larkin

Susanna Lemberskaya

Prompter

Jonathan Khuner

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Fight Sequences

Martino Pistone

Assistant Stage Directors

Peter McClintock

Laurie Feldman

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Stage Manager

Jamie Call

Saturday, September 30 1989, at 8:00 PM

Tuesday, October 3 1989, at 8:00 PM

Friday, October 6 1989, at 8:00 PM

Thursday, October 12 1989, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, October 15 1989, at 2:00 PM

Tuesday, October 24 1989, at 7:30 PM

CAST

Montano Philip Skinner

Cassio John David De Haan

Iago Brent Ellis

Roderigo James Schwisow

Otello Ermanno Mauro

Desdemona Katia Ricciarelli

Emilia Catherine Keen

A herald LeRoy Villanueva

Lodovico David Pittsinger

*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

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Notes:

All database information regarding performances that followed the October 17th Loma Prieta earthquake is correct, but here is a summation:

Idomeneo, October 17 – cancelled
Otello, October 20 – Moved to Masonic Auditorium
Aida, October 21 – Moved to Masonic Auditorium
Idomeneo, October 22 – Moved to Masonic Auditorium

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

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

San Francisco Girls Chorus
Elizabeth Appling, Director

Michelle Clair
Jessica Dunlap
Cathleen Ellis
Nina Fallon
Amy Frey
Rachel Goldsmith
Sita Griffith
Elizabeth Hanauer
Natasha Hoehn
Mihoko Ito
Silvie Jensen
Sasha Johnson
Bayta Maring
Megan McNamara
Claire Mills
Kristin Oei
Amy Perez
Maria Pilson
Eufemia Plimpton
Sabrina Raust
Kimberly Sargent
Dana Shaps
Erin Smyth
Carrie Spring
Teresa Swendsen
Marinda Thomas
Blamoh Twegbe
Elizabeth Warren
Isis Yearwood

San Francisco Boys Chorus
Philip Hahn, Director

David Alderman
Kevin Angstenberger
Edgar Chen
Michael Davis
Joseph Fanvu
Mark Forte
Iain Fry
Bellos Hadjivassiliou
Matthew Hammond
Scott Kronmiller
David Lee
James Locke
Nathaniel Morse
Norman Moy
James Muiter
Grael Norton
Christopher Olson

Gian Patel
Joseph Penrod
Pul Ryan
Cole Thomason-Redus
Kevin Traugott

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 (second group of three operas)

Traudi Albert
Pat Angell
Elayne Ashman
Phyllis Blair
Dorothy Brown
Regina Bustillos
Sue Cammack
Madeline Chase
Kay Cheatham
Phoebe Ciaffi
Huguette Combes
Jamie Daniels
Renée DeJarnatt
Ann Fitzgerald
Debra Girard
Karen Topp Goodwyn
Diane Graham
Joan Imbeau
Candace Kahn
Valarie Klingenberg
Andrea Kohlruss
Dorothy Papo
Ann Paras
Stephanie Salter
Ellen Sanchez
Stella Tatro
Beverly Terry
Sally Warren
Carolyn Waugh
Marianne Welmers
Susan Wendt-Bogear
Laurel Winzler

Bob Acker
Joseph Alietti
David Altman
Gene Angell
Phillip Barber
Stephen Bartlett-Re
Steve Bauman
Jeff Beaudoin
Don Bechtel
Austin Bergin
Mike Berkowitz
John Bleyle
John Boldrick
Vincent Brooks
Al Carter
Peter Chrisler
Stewart Clark
David Clover
David Cook

Rudy Cook
Copley Crosby
Gil Deane
Gary Demyen
Kermit Duval
Lawrence Ewing
Rodney Felix
Peter Felleman
Tom Ferguson
Joe Fiorentino
John Gilbert
Tom Giuliano
Albert Goodwyn
Karl Grimm
Bill Higgins
Willard Holden
Eric Janovsky
Cecil Johnson
Mitch Johnson
Frank Jorgensen
Joe Kelley
Andrew Korniej
Dan Kyte
Greg Lawrance
Neil Larson
Mike Lee
Timothy Locke
Peter Loubal
Nelson Luesse
Oscar Manzanares
Ray Mark
Dennis Markunas
Robert McKibbon
Ed Meyers
Dan Melia
Jim Miller
Matt Miller
Edward Milhausen
Ian Mishkin
Brent Mitchell
Bob Nathanson
Noah Nelson
Barry Nielsen
Anthony O'Brien
Gerald O'Dwyer
Eric Oliver
Dick Pallowick
Les Partridge
Christopher Patnoe
Jay Perlman
Mike Pesavento
Scott Petry
John Plotz
Kirk Poole
Karl Przibram
Tom Purcell
Paul Price
Steve Rades
Paul Ricks
Norm Robins
Bill Roehl
David Rohrer
Steven Rosen
Paul Salemme
Steve Scales
Louis Schilling
Don Share
Jim Shea
John Shea
Chris Sheffield
Ray Shimada
Wolfram Siede
Steve Siegelman
Michael Silva
Geoff Skidmore
Rod Smith
Ray Souza

Jon Spieler
Larry Stites
Bob Stroman
Scott Swanson
Alvin Taylor
Bill Tillman
Richard Vagts
Eric Vink
Jack Walker
Terry Washburn
Jim Warner
Alex Weibezahn
Gary Wendt-Bogear
Rick Weil
Silsa Wheaton
Bruce Woodward

BOYS

Robert Azevedo
Ryan Baird
Andy Bruvry
Paul Cheatham
Ivan Cooper
Matt Dalton
Danny Deixler
J.P. Eby
Kyle Glankler
Nicholas Nackley
Sean Peisert
Zack Smith
Etan Zaitso