

This production was originally made possible by Cynthia Wood who has also underwritten the 1989 revival.

Die Frau ohne Schatten

(in German)

Opera in three acts by Richard Strauss

Libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal

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

Conductor

Christoph von Dohnányi

Stage director

Grischa Asagaroff

Set designer

Jörg Zimmermann

Costume Designer

Jan Skalicky

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Chorus Director

Ian Robertson

Musical Preparation

Kathryn Cathcart

Patrick Summers

Susanna Lemberskaya

Philip Eisenberg

David Triestram

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg

Movement Instructor

Victoria Morgan

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Assistant Stage Directors

Laurie Feldman

Claudia Zahn

Supertitles

Christopher Bergen

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

CAST

The Nurse Anja Silja*

The Spirit Messenger Monte Pederson

The Emperor William Johns

The Empress Mary Jane Johnson*

The Voice of the Falcon Patricia Racette

The One-armed man Philip Skinner

The One-eyed man Victor Ledbetter

The Hunchback John Duykers

Barak's Wife Gwyneth Jones

Barak Alfred Muff †

Three Servants Maria Fortuna

Karen Parks

Patricia Spence

The Voice of a Youth Hong-Shen Li

Three Watchmen LeRoy Villanueva

Kristopher Irmiter

Dale Travis

Children's Voice Maria Fortuna

Karen Parks

Meredith Mizell

Patricia Spence

Carla Cook

An Alto Voice Patricia Spence

The Guardian of the temple gates Maria Fortuna

Solo Voice Maria Fortuna

Karen Parks

Meredith Mizell

Patricia Spence

Stephanie Friedman

Carla Cook

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Legendary

Act I, Scene 1 -- In the gardens of the Imperial Palace

Scene 2 -- Barak's hovel, under a city wall

INTERMISSION

Act II, Scene 1 -- Barak's hovel, the next day

Scene 2 -- Outside the Emperor's hunting lodge

Scene 3 -- Barak's hovel

Scene 4 -- Inside the hunting lodge

Scene 5 -- Barak's hovel

INTERMISSION

Act III, Scene 1 -- Mystic caverns near Keikobad's realm

Scene 2 -- At the entrance to Keikobad's temple

Scene 3 -- In the temple

Scene 4 -- The beginning of a new life

Saturday, November 25 1989, at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 28 1989, at 7:30 PM

Friday, December 1 1989, at 7:30 PM

Monday, December 4 1989, at 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 7 1989, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 10 1989, at 1:30 PM

Sponsors:

Notes:

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

Galanti organ provided courtesy of Colton Piano & Organ, Santa Clara

San Francisco Girls Chorus
Elizabeth Appling, Director

Chesi Ho
Misuzu Ito
Emily Ryan
Jennifer Terry
Rebecca Tevenan

San Francisco Boys Chorus
Philip Hahn, Director

David Alderman
Kevin Angstenberger
Michael Davis
Scott Kronmiller
David Lee
James Locke
Norman Moy
James Muter
Grael Norton
Gian Patel
Joseph Penrod
Paul Ryan
John Wheeler-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 (for last group of three operas)

Susan Anderson
Katherine Brazaitis
Dotty Brown
Regina Bustillos
Phoebe Ciaffi
Renée DeJarnatt
Candace Kahn
Valarie Klingenberg
Andrea Kohlruss
Jan Moody
Holly Morrison
Nancy Petrisko
Stephanie Salter
Beverly Terry
Laurel Winzler

Stephen Bartlett-Re
Austin Bergin
Michael Berkowitz
David Clover
Augustin Estrella
Mickey Frettoloso
Tom Giuliano
Mark Huelsmann
Joe Kelley
Dan Kyte
Greg Lawrance
Ed Meyers
Matt Miller
Ian Mishkin
Andreas Mueller
Barry Nielsen
Jeff Orgain
Bob Palmer
Mike Pesavento
Tom Purcell
Paul Ricks
Steven Rosen
Bill Roehl
Louis Schilling
Alvin Taylor
Alex Weibezahn

GIRLS

Abigail Munn
Elizabeth Munn