

The new production of "Esclarmonde" is made possible by a generous gift from Mrs. Rudolph Light

Esclarmonde

(in French)

Opera in four acts by Jules Massenet
Libretto by Alfred Blau and Louis de Gramont

Conductor

Richard Bonyngé

Production

Lotfi Mansouri

Scenery and costumes designed by

Beni Montresor

Chorus Director

Byron Dean Ryan

Choreographer

Norbert Vesak

Lighting Designer

Robert Brand

Musical Preparation

Bliss Johnston

Costumes executed by

Casa d'Arte Fiore, Milan

Miss Sutherland's costumes by

Barbara Matera, Ltd., New York

Wednesday, October 23 1974, at 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 26 1974, at 8:00 PM

Tuesday, October 29 1974, at 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 2 1974, at 2:00 PM

Friday, November 8 1974, at 8:00 PM

CAST

<i>The Emperor Phocas</i>	Clifford Grant*
<i>Esclarmonde</i>	Joan Sutherland*
<i>Parséis</i>	Huguette Tourangeau*
<i>Enéas</i>	William Harness*
<i>The Chevalier Roland</i>	Giacomo Aragall*
<i>Cléomer, King of France</i>	Philip Booth*
<i>The Bishop of Blois</i>	Robert Kerns*
<i>A Saracen envoy</i>	Gary Burgess*
<i>A Byzantine herald</i>	Gary Burgess*

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Legendary -- the Byzantine Empire and France

PROLOGUE -- The Basilica in Byzantium

Act I -- A terrace of the palace of the Empress Esclarmonde

INTERMISSION

Act II, Scene 1 -- The enchanted island

Scene 2 -- A room in the palace on the enchanted island

INTERMISSION

Act III, Scene 1 -- Outside the ramparts of the besieged city of Blois

Scene 2 -- A room in the palace of King Cléomer

INTERMISSION

Act IV -- The forest of Ardennes

EPILOGUE -- The Basilica in Byzantium

Sponsors:

Notes:

Live broadcast -- November 8

Supernumeraries:

Dignitaries of the Byzantine Empire, knights, warriors, citizens of Blois, guards, monks, priests and penitents, executioners and assistants, incense bearers, Saracen prisoners, spirits of air, fire and water, nymphs and sylphs

Members of the San Francisco Boys Chorus

William Ballard, Director

Eric Arndt
Timothy Bass
Keith Cerny
Eric Chan
Michael Cucek
Zachary Griffin
Matthew Hethcoat
Eric Hutchinson
Jeffrey Hutchinson
Scott Johnston
Peter Larson
Leo Levinson
Stephen Luzmoor
Kevin McGinnis
Richard Morrison
Christopher Nomura
Mark Paxson
Todd Perry
Damir Priskich
Michael Pruger
Edward Rex
Michael Roper
Timothy Salaver
Michael Shirley
Jeffrey Silver
Alan Stevens
Jonathan Yuen