

New production made possible by a generous gift from Cyril Magnin

Thaïs

(in French)

Opera in three acts by Jules Massenet

Libretto by Louis Gallet

Based on the novel of Anatole France

Conductor

John Pritchard

Production

Tito Capobianco

Designer

Carl Toms

Chorus Director

Robert Jones

Choreographer

Louis Falco

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Musical Preparation

Thomas Fulton

Friday, September 10 1976, at 8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 15 1976, at 8:00 PM
Sunday, September 19 1976, at 2:00 PM
Saturday, September 25 1976, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, September 28 1976, at 8:00 PM
Friday, October 1 1976, at 8:00 PM

CAST

<i>Palémon</i>	Alexander Malta †
<i>Athanaël</i>	Sherrill Milnes
<i>Servant of Nicias</i>	John Davies
<i>Nicias</i>	Claes H. Ahnsjö †
<i>Crobyle</i>	Pamela South
<i>Myrtale</i>	Shirley Lee Hamed
<i>Thaïs</i>	Beverly Sills
<i>La Charmeuse</i>	Claudia Cummings
<i>Albine</i>	Gwendolyn Jones

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: End of the fourth century; Egypt

Act I, Scene 1 -- The Hermitage, in the Egyptian desert

Scene 2 -- The mansion of Nicias, Alexandria

INTERMISSION

Act II, Scene 1 -- The house of Thaïs

Scene 2 -- The Meditation

Scene 3 -- A square in front of Thaïs's house

INTERMISSION

Act III, Scene 1 -- A place in the desert

Scene 2 -- The Hermitage

Scene 3 -- Albine's refuge in the desert

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Notes:

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FIGURANTES (Act II)

Wendy Greene
Diane Kesslinger
Wendy Kinsel
Wendy Kwan
Sidonie Young

SUPERNUMERARIES

Dorothy Brown
Madeline Chase
Barbara Clifford
Joanne Dickson
Gina Farruggio
Janice Phillip
Nancy Kennally
Marilyn Mathers
Cynthia Milina
Edith Modie
Louise Russo
Ellen Sanchez
Shelley Seitz
Laurie Thompson

Jesse Alexander
Stewve Bauman
Thomas Carlisle
Ronald Cavin
Rudolph Cook
Burton Covel
Donald Crawford
Herbert Harvey
Martin Izquierdo
Kenneth Jakobs
Janusz
Julius Karoblis
Rodney McCoy
Gregorio Mendoza
Lawrence Millner
Paul Newman
James Preovolos
Noble Edward Reynolds
Paul Ricks
Raymond Salazar
Thomas Simrock
Jonathan Spieler
Kent Spiers
Colin Warner
David Williams
Joseph Williams
Gerald Wood

SUPER CHILDREN

Michelle Brown
Lilo Campeau
Steven Cohen
Hardy Crawford
Martha Crawford
Gregory Gillbergh
Anthony Gonzalez

Claudia Heyneman
Jennifer Heyneman
Gregory Moreci
Daniel O'Connor
April Sack
Celia Sack