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# Die Frau ohne Schatten

(in German)

Opera in three acts by Richard Strauss

Libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal

*Conductor*

Karl Böhm

*Production*

Nikolaus Lehnhoff

*Designer*

Jörg Zimmermann †

*Chorus Director*

Robert Jones

*Lighting Designer*

Thomas J. Munn

*Musical Preparation*

Philip Eisenberg

## CAST

<i>The Empress's nurse</i>	Ruth Hesse
<i>Spirit Messenger</i>	James Johnson
<i>The Emperor</i>	Matti Kastu †
<i>The Empress</i>	Leonie Rysanek
<i>Voice of the falcon</i>	Linda Roark
<i>One-armed man</i>	Lorenzo Alvary
<i>One-eyed man</i>	Joshua Hecht
<i>Hunchback</i>	John Duykers
<i>Barak's wife</i>	Ursula Schröder-Feinen
<i>Barak</i>	Walter Berry
<i>First Servant</i>	Claudia Cummings
<i>Second Servant</i>	Pamela South
<i>Third Servant</i>	Shirley Lee Harned
<i>Apparition of a youth</i>	James Hoback
<i>First watchman</i>	Paul Geiger
<i>Second watchman</i>	Samuel Byrd
<i>Third watchman</i>	Wayne Turnage
<i>Children's voice</i>	Claudia Cummings
	Pamela South
	Linda Roark
	Gwendolyn Jones
	Donna Petersen
<i>Alto voice</i>	Gwendolyn Jones
<i>Guardian of the temple gates</i>	Claudia Cummings
<i>Solo voice</i>	Gwendolyn Jones
	Claudia Cummings
	Pamela South
	Linda Roark
	Shirley Lee Harned
	Donna Petersen

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

### PLACE AND TIME: Legendary

- Act I, Scene 1 -- In the garden of the Imperial palace  
Scene 2 -- Barak's hovel, under a city wall  
Act II, Scene 1 -- Barak's hovel, the next day  
Scene 2 -- Outside the Emperor's falcon house  
Scene 3 -- Barak's hovel  
Scene 4 -- Inside the falcon house  
Scene 5 -- Barak's hovel  
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 -- Near a sun-flooded landscape  
Scene 5 -- The golden city

Friday, October 15 1976, at 8:00 PM  
Tuesday, October 19 1976, at 8:00 PM  
Sunday, October 24 1976, at 1:30 PM  
Saturday, October 30 1976, at 8:00 PM  
Tuesday, November 2 1976, at 8:00 PM



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**Notes:**

Live broadcast -- opening performance, October 15

Scenery built in San Francisco Opera Scenic Shop

Costumes courtesy of the Paris Opera

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For the first time, two front rows of seats were removed in order to accommodate a full Strauss orchestra (91 players in this instance).

San Francisco Boys Chorus

William Ballard, Director

James Baker

Eric Brudos

Jon Cockerline

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John Doxey

James Dreer

George Fernandez

Douglas Fields

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Ben Harrison

Steven Heffelfinger

Ethan Kaplan

Martin Kovach

Martin LaPlaca

Mark Loudon

Stephen Myers

Christopher Nomura

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