

Billy Budd

(in English)

Opera in two acts by Benjamin Britten
Libretto by E.M. Forster and Eric Crozier
Based on the novella by Herman Melville

Conductor

David Atherton

Stage Director

Ande Anderson

New settings after designs by

John Piper

Scenery supervised by

Thomas J. Munn

Projection photography by

Ron Scherl

Chorus Director

Richard Bradshaw

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Musical Preparation

Paul Connelly

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg

CAST

<i>Edward Fairfax Vere</i>	Richard Lewis
<i>First mate</i>	Stephen West
<i>Second mate</i>	David Rohrbaugh
<i>Mr. Flint</i>	Frederick Burchinal
<i>A sailor</i>	Jim Meyer
<i>Bosun</i>	John Del Carlo
<i>Donald</i>	Allan Monk
<i>Maintop</i>	Barry Busse
<i>The novice</i>	James Hoback
<i>Squeak</i>	David Eisler
<i>Mr. Redburn</i>	Raimund Herincx
<i>Mr. Ratcliffe</i>	John Miller
<i>John Claggart</i>	Forbes Robinson
<i>Red Whiskers</i>	Francis Egerton †
<i>Arthur Jones</i>	Joseph McKee
<i>Billy Budd</i>	Dale Duesing
<i>The novice's friend</i>	Samuel Byrd
<i>Dansker</i>	Paul Hudson †
<i>A gunner</i>	Duane Carter
<i>Cabin boy</i>	Steven Caldwell

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Aboard the *Indomitable*, a British man-of-war, during the French wars of 1797

Saturday, September 16 1978, at 8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 19 1978, at 8:00 PM

Saturday, September 23 1978, at 8:00 PM

Thursday, September 28 1978, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, October 1 1978, at 2:00 PM

PROLOGUE -- Captain Vere's room

Act I, Scene 1 -- The main-deck of H.M.S. *Indomitable*

Scene 2 -- Captain Vere's cabin

Scene 3 -- The berth deck

INTERMISSION

Act II, Scene 1 -- The main-deck and quarter-deck

Scene 2 -- Captain Vere's cabin

Scene 3 -- A bay on the gun-deck

Scene 4 -- The main-deck and quarter-deck

EPILOGUE -- Captain Vere's room

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Notes:

Radio broadcast, performance of September 19 -- September 29

John Piper's set designs -- courtesy of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
John Tooley, General Administrator

Members of the Masterworks Chorale, College of San Mateo
Galen Marshall, Director

San Francisco Boys Chorus
William Ballard, Director

John Aalberg
Stephen Abramowitz
Sean Barry
Matthew Brauer
Mark Burford
Michael Burke
Jeffrey Cox
Timothy Cox
David Devine
Laramie Crocker
John Dougery
George Fernandez
Robyn Fladen-Kamm
David Flores
Christopher Frey
Lionel Godolphin
Peter Hicks
Philip Hommes
Christopher Kula
Benjamin Lewis
Douglas Lynn
Christopher Metcalf
Daniel Potasz
Liam Riordan
David Roberts
Eric Savant
Richard Treadwell
Christopher Tucker
Eric Van Genderen