The Ballad of Baby Doe

(in English)

Opera in two acts by Douglas Moore
Libretto by John Latouche

This presentation is made possible, in part, by a gift from Jane Bernstein and Bob Ellis.

CAST

An old silver miner
Jim Croom

A saloon bouncer
Philip Horst

Horace Tabor, Mayor of Leadville
James Morris*

Sam, associate of Tabor
Colby Roberts

Bushy, associate of Tabor
Richard Walker

Barney, associate of Tabor
Valery Portnov

Jacob, associate of Tabor
David Kekaewa

Augusta, wife of Horace Tabor
Judith Forst

Sarah, friend of Augusta
Virginia Pluth

Mary, friend of Augusta
Laurel Rice

Emily, friend of Augusta
Alexandra Nehra

Effie, friend of Augusta
Julianne Booth

Mrs. Elizabeth (Baby) Doe, a miner’s ex-wife
Ruth Ann Swenson

Suzanne Ramo (10/11,14)

Kate, a dance hall entertainer
Sara Lamar MacBride

Meg, a dance hall entertainer
Tina Osinski

Samantha, a maid
Sara Lamar MacBride

A clerk at the Clarendon Hotel
Daniel Harper

Albert, a bellboy
Philip Horst

Mama McCourt, Baby Doe’s mother
Josepha Gayer

A Washington dandy
Wayne Davis

Jere Torkelsen
Kenneth Rafanan

William Pickersgill

A McCourt family member
Claire Kelm

Sally Mouzon
Tom Reed

Kenneth Johnson
Jim Meyer

Father Chapelle
Jim Croom

A footman at the Willard Hotel
Philip Horst

President Chester A. Arthur
Daniel Harper

Elizabeth, child of Horace and Baby Doe
Alyssa Mathias

Silver Dollar, younger child of Horace and Baby Doe
Lauren Slater

The (later) Mayor of Leadville
Jim Croom

William Jennings Bryan, Democratic presidential candidate
John Fanning

First newsboy
Mario Sawaya

Second newsboy
Wayne Davis

Stage doorman
Daniel Harper

A Denver politician
Philip Horst

Silver Dollar (adult)
Tina Osinski

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Late 19th-century Colorado

Saturday, September 23 2000, at 8:00 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- Outside the Tabor Opera House, Leadville, 1880
The Ballad of Baby Doe

Wednesday, September 27 2000, at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 3 2000, at 8:00 PM

Friday, October 6 2000, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 8 2000, at 2:00 PM

Wednesday, October 11 2000, at 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 14 2000, at 2:00 PM

Act I, Scene 2 -- The Clarendon Hotel, later that evening

Act I, Scene 3 -- The Tabor apartment, 1881

Act I, Scene 4 -- The Clarendon Hotel, shortly thereafter

Act I, Scene 5 -- Denver, 1882

Act I, Scene 6 -- The Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., 1883

Act II, Scene 1 -- The Windsor Hotel, Denver, 1893

Act II, Scene 2 -- A gambling club in Denver, 1895

Act II, Scene 3 -- The Matchless Mine, summer, 1896

Act II, Scene 4 -- Augusta's apartment, November, 1896

Act II, Scene 5 -- The stage of the Tabor Opera House, April, 1899
Sponsors:
The production of “The Ballad of Baby Doe” is designated in honor of George and Leslie Hume’s membership in the Triple Diamond Circle. The performance of October 11th is sponsored by Bank of America.

Notes:
New production
Scenery, props, costumes and wigs constructed in the San Francisco Opera workshops
Supertitles are taken from the original libretto

Supernumeraries
Gloria Christison
Lisa Lorea
Mimi Timberlake
Valerie Zhao
Keith Klausen
Michael Peredo
Tom Romero
Michael Schoenig
Walt Thorp
Antonio Toro
Ron Wizelman