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La Gioconda

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Amilcare Ponchielli
Libretto by Arrigo Boito
Based on the play "Angelo, Tyrant of Padua" by Victor Hugo

CAST

Barnaba  Norman Mittelmann
La Gioconda  Renata Scotto*
La Cieca  Margarita Lilova
Zuane  John Del Carlo
Isepo  Tonio Di Paolo
Enzo Grimaldo  Luciano Pavarotti*
Laura Adorno  Stefania Toczyska
Alvise Badoero  Ferruccio Furlanetto
A monk  David Koch
A steersman  Winther Andersen
A singer  Boris Martinovich
A voice  Richard Halle
John Glenister
James Meyer
Harlequin, first act  Gary Chryst
Venus  Martine van Hamel
Lord of Night  Christian Holder
Harlequin  Gary Chryst
Attendant of Venus  Lisa Slagle
Sherri Parks

*Role debut  †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Seventeenth-century Venice

Act I -- Piazzetta of San Marco
Act II -- Aboard the Dalmatian ship Hecate
Act III, Scene 1 -- A room in Alvise's palace
Scene 2 -- Great hall in the Ca d'Oro
Act IV -- A ruined palace on the island of Giudecca
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Notes:
Season Opening performance
Live telecast -- September 16
Broadcast -- November 30
San Francisco broadcast -- October 27
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  Timothy Genis
  Lionel Godolphin
  Daniel Howard
  Andrew Johnson
  David Kersnar
  Christopher Kula
  Stephen Martin
  Gregory Naeger
  Ronald Ponce
  Daniel Potasz
  David Roberts
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