

The new production of "La Gioconda" was made possible through the generosity of
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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

Conductor

Bruno Bartoletti

Production

Lotfi Mansouri

Designer

Zack Brown

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Choreographer

Margo Sappington

Chorus Director

Richard Bradshaw

Musical Preparation

Sue Marie Peters

Prompter

Susan Webb

Costumes executed by

Barbara Matera, Ltd., New York

CAST

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

Friday, September 7 1979, at 7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 12 1979, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 16 1979, at 12:30 PM
Friday, September 21 1979, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, September 25 1979, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 29 1979, at 8:00 PM

Sponsors:

Notes:

Season Opening performance

Live telecast -- September 16

Broadcast -- November 30

San Francisco broadcast -- October 27

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