

The production of "Samson et Dalila" was made possible by and produced through the cooperation of the Gramma Fisher Foundation of Marshalltown, Iowa, The Lyric Opera of Chicago and San Francisco Opera.

Samson et Dalila

(in French)

Opera in three acts by Camille Saint-Saëns

Libretto by Ferdinand Lemaire

Conductor

Julius Rudel

Production

Nicolas Joël

Designer

Douglas Schmidt

Chorus Director

Richard Bradshaw

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Choreographer

Margo Sappington

Costume Designer

Carrie Robbins

Musical Preparation

Martha Gerhart

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg

Costumes executed by

Michael-Jon Costumes, Inc., N.Y.C.

Friday, September 5 1980, at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 9 1980, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, September 13 1980, at 8:00 PM
Thursday, September 18 1980, at 8:00 PM
Sunday, September 21 1980, at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, September 24 1980, at 8:00 PM

CAST

<i>Samson</i>	Placido Domingo
<i>Abimélech, Satrap of Gaza</i>	Arnold Voketaitis
<i>First Philistine</i>	Michael Ballam
<i>Second Philistine</i>	Stanley Wexler
<i>The High Priest of Dagon</i>	Wolfgang Brendel
<i>Messenger of the Philistines</i>	Robert Tate
<i>An Old Hebrew</i>	Kevin Langan
<i>Dalila</i>	Shirley Verrett
<i>A boy</i>	Greg Moawad
<i>Solo Dancer</i>	Christian Holder

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Gaza in Palestine; 1150 B.C.

Act I -- Public Square in Gaza
Act II -- Dalila's home in the valley of Sorek
Act III, Scene 1 -- Prison dungeon in Gaza
Scene 2 -- Interior of the temple of Gaza

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Notes:

Radio broadcast -- October 24

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Shop

Opening Night flowers courtesy of Tiffany & Co. and "Imagination" Floral and Garden Design by Valerie Arelt

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Elvia Marta
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Marika Sakellariou

Don Gardner
Jay Lehman
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William Sanner Ramsdell
James Shipley
Jeffrey Smith
John Sullivan

MIMES

Priscilla Alden
Ed Holmes
Douglas Leach
Carol Sue Thomas

SUPERNUMERARIES

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Barbara Bruser
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Karen Moawad

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