

Production from the Houston Grand Opera

# Arabella

(in German)

Opera in three acts by Richard Strauss

Libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal

*Conductor*

Wolfgang Rennert

*Production*

John Cox

*Designer*

Elizabeth Dalton

*Lighting Designer*

Joan Sullivan

*Chorus Director*

Richard Bradshaw

*Musical Preparation*

Philip Highfill

Philip Eisenberg

*Prompter*

Philip Eisenberg

## CAST

<i>A fortuneteller</i>	Rebecca Cook
<i>Countess Waldner</i>	Sona Cervená
<i>Zdenka, her younger daughter, in love with Matteo</i>	Barbara Daniels
<i>Matteo, a young officer in love with Arabella</i>	William Lewis
<i>Arabella, elder daughter of the Waldners</i>	Kiri Te Kanawa
<i>Count Elemer, a suitor to Arabella</i>	Michael Ballam
<i>Count Theodor Waldner</i>	Alexander Malta
<i>A Waiter</i>	Thomas Woodman
<i>Mandryka</i>	Ingvar Wixell
<i>Welko, servant to Mandryka</i>	Daniel Becker
<i>Count Dominik, a suitor to Arabella</i>	John Brandstetter
<i>Count Lamoral, a suitor to Arabella</i>	Kevin Langan
<i>Fiakermilli, a cabaret singer</i>	Erie Mills
<i>Djura, servant to Mandryka</i>	Lee Woodruff
<i>Jankel, servant to Mandryka</i>	Karl Saarni

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Vienna, Shrove Tuesday, 1860

Act I -- The Waldners' hotel suite, morning

Act II -- The anteroom of a public ballroom, evening

Act III -- The hotel lobby, night

Wednesday, October 29 1980, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 1 1980, at 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 4 1980, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, November 9 1980, at 2:00 PM

Friday, November 14 1980, at 8:00 PM

Monday, November 17 1980, at 8:00 PM

**Sponsors:**

**Notes:**

Live broadcast -- November 14

**SUPERNUMERARIES**

Betty Davis  
Renée DeJarnatt  
Sally Eberle  
Sally Kennelly  
Nancy Kraus  
Edith Moody  
Suga Moriwaki  
Ellen Nelson  
Miriam Preece  
Karen Topp

Eugene Angell  
Jack Barnich  
Steve Bauman  
Doug Beardslee  
Tom Carlisle  
Roy Castellini  
Richard Collins  
Bill Coppock  
Don Crawford  
Tom Curran  
Daniel DeJarnatt  
Jo Glasgow  
Joe Hay  
Mark Huelsman  
Steve Jacobs  
Bill Joyce  
Julius Karoblis  
Terry Kyle  
David Litchfield  
Rodney McCoy  
Ken McDonald  
James Muth  
Neil Nevesny  
Paul Newman  
Raul Piccardo  
Nick Pliam  
Joel Posner  
James Pricco  
David Reed  
Paul Ricks  
Robert Schmidt  
Kent Speirs  
Jeffrey Stevens  
Allen Tusting  
David Watts  
Brett Weil  
Arthur Zigas