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# **Die Lustige Witwe**

(in English)

Opera in three acts by Franz Lehár Libretto by Victor Léon and Leo Stein Based on Henri Meilhac's comedy "L'Attaché"

## Conductor

Richard Bonynge

Stage Director Lotfi Mansouri

Set Designer

Murray Laufer Costume Designer

Suzanne Mess

Lighting Designer

Joan Sullivan

Choreographer Christian Holder

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Chorus Director

Richard Bradshaw

Musical Preparation

Kathryn Cathcart

Prompter

Gordon Jephtas

Assistant Stage Director

Anne Catherine Ewers

Stage Manager

Gretchen Mueller

Saturday, October 3 1981, at 8:00 PM Tuesday, October 6 1981, at 8:00 PM Friday, October 9 1981, at 8:00 PM Tuesday, October 13 1981, at 7:30 PM Friday, October 16 1981, at 8:00 PM Wednesday, October 21 1981, at 8:00 PM Sunday, October 25 1981, at 1:00 PM Wednesday, October 28 1981, at 7:30 PM Saturday, October 31 1981, at 8:00 PM

## CAST

Baron Mirko Zeta, Pontevedrian ambassador in Paris

Valencienne, his wife Judith Forst

Camille de Rosillon, a Parisian gentleman Anson Austin †

> Vicomte Cascada, a Latin diplomat Jonathan Green

Raoul de St. Brioche, a French diplomat Thomas Woodman

Stanley Wexler Kromow, Pontevedrian military councillor

> Olga, his wife Phyllis Hunter

Phil Stark

Pritschitsch, Pontevedrian consul Gary Harger

> Praskowia, his wife Ingrid Olsson

Bogdanowitsch, Pontevedrian military attaché John Del Carlo

> Silviane, his wife Sara Ganz

Njegus, an embassy secretary Gerald Isaac

Anna Glawari, the merry widow Joan Sutherland

Danilo Danilowitch, first secretary to Baron Zeta Håkan Hagegård

> Maître d'hôtel at Maxim's Abe Kalish

> > Nancy Bleiweiss Grisette

Peggy Davis

Anne Elizabeth Egan Carolyn Houser

Marti Kennedy

Kathryn Roszak

Katherine Warner

Solo dancer Lynda Meyer

Vane Vest

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: The early 1900s, Paris

Act I -- The Embassy of Pontevedro in Paris Act II -- The garden of Anna Glawari's mansion Act III -- Maxim's

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#### Notes:

Radio broadcast -- October 24, 11 a.m.

English version by Christopher Hassall, incorporating additional material arranged by Richard Bonynge and Lotfi Mansouri

with new dialogue by Mr. Mansouri

Production from the Canadian Opera Company

Linda Meyer and Vane Vest appear through the courtesy of the San Francisco Ballet, Lew Christensen and Michael Smuin, Directors

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