

This new production of "Aida" is made possible through
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Aida

(in Italian)

Opera in three acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Antonio Ghislanzoni

This new production of "Aida" is San Francisco Opera's contribution to San Francisco's city-wide celebration of
the 800th anniversary of the birth of St. Francis, the City's patron.

Conductor

García Navarro †

Stage Director

Sam Wanamaker

Set Designer

Douglas Schmidt

Costume Designer

Lawrence Casey

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Sound Designer

Roger Gans

Chorus Director

Richard Bradshaw

Choreographer

Margo Sappington

Musical Preparation

Philip Eisenberg

James Johnson

Philip Highfill

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg

Assistant to Mr. Wanamaker

Vera Lúcia Calábria

Assistant Stage Director

Anne Catherine Ewers

Stage Manager

Jerry Sherk

CAST

Ramfis Kurt Rydl (11/12,15,18)

Ferruccio Furlanetto

Radames Luciano Pavarotti*

Amneris Stefania Toczyńska

Aida Margaret Price

Leontyne Price (11/18)

The King of Egypt Kevin Langan

A messenger Colenton Freeman

A priestess Susan Quittmeyer

Amonasro Simon Estes

Solo dancer Christian Holder

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Epoch of the Pharaohs; Memphis and Thebes

Thursday, November 12 1981, at 8:00 PM
Sunday, November 15 1981, at 12:00 PM
Wednesday, November 18 1981, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 21 1981, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, November 24 1981, at 8:00 PM
Friday, November 27 1981, at 8:00 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- The King's palace at Memphis

Scene 2 -- The temple of Fthà

Scene 3 -- Amneris's apartment in the palace, Thebes

Scene 4 -- A public square in Thebes

INTERMISSION

Act II -- The banks of the Nile, outside the temple of Isis

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Act III, Scene 1 -- The judgment hall

Scene 2 -- A tomb below the temple

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Notes:

New production

The production was subject of a Sunday, November 15 live satellite television broadcast to Europe, as well as a closed-circuit relay to the Civic Auditorium (Attendance there: 4000).

(Leontyne Price, in the house for appearances in "Il Trovatore," was asked by Maestro Adler to come to the rescue on November 18, when Margaret Price became ill. Although Leontyne Price had by then "retired" the role of Aida, she agreed, and afterwards proceeded to perform the role several more times both here and at the Metropolitan Opera.)

Auxiliary Chorus in the Triumphal Scene composed of members of the University of California Berkeley Chorus

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by
Michael-Jon Costumes
San Francisco Opera Costume Shop
John Reid Costumes

Ostrich plume fans by
Feathers and Leathers, San Francisco

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Peggy Davis
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Carolyn Houser
Marti Kennedy
Cecilia Marta
Elvia Marta
Kathryn Roszak
Diane Rothenberg
Marika Sakellariou
Katherine Warner

Peter Childers
Hassan Al Falak
Greg Gibble
David Jones
Alonso King
Daryl Loyd
William Sanner Ramsdell
Pete J. Shoemaker
John Sullivan
Charlie West

SUPERNUMERARIES

Patricia Angell
Joan Bacharach
Dorothy Baune
Elke Behrens
Dottie Brown
Barbara Clifford
Janet Dahlsten
Betty Davis
Renée DeJarnatt
Joan Henry Detessan
Christina Fox
Diane Graham
Leishen Hartman
Mary Joyce
Kahlila Kramer
Karen Moawad
Alta Moody
Jan Moody
Holly Morrison
Janet Morse
Ellen M. Nelson
Barbara Norton

Marianne Petroni
Miriam Preece
Katherine Prongos
Nathalie Rubens
Louise Russo
Ellen Sanchez
Nikki Scofield
Sally Scott
Susie Scott
Bess Sherman
Stella Tatro
Marcia Tusting
Claudia Waugh
Janet Weil
Susan Weiss

Andrew Alder
Paul Allerton
Gene Angell
Sky Bamford
Gene Barnes
Jack Bernich
Gilbert Bates
Steve Bauman
Doug Beardslee
Michael Boehm
Stephen Boughanough
Joseph Bowen
Peter Bray
Gerald Breen
William Brenner
William Burns
Allyne Butcher
John Cailleau
Tom Carlisle
Roy Castellini
Gil Chun
David Clover
Rudolph Cook
Bill Coppock
Robert Corrick
Don Crawford
Tom Curran
Chas Dargis
Mark Dean
Dick Deval
Eduardo Dominguez
Julio Dorigoni
Owen Dougherty
W.J. Drummond
Hilbert Duperrior
Bill Easley
Jack Eiman
Allan Ellis
Richard Esckilsen
Peter Felleman
Humberto Fitch
Robert Flax
Joel Fort
Mickey Frettoloso
Lyn Gardella
Cliff Gold
Rex Golightly
Dennis Goza
Larry Grail
John Grimes
Louis Handler
Guy Harrison
Joe Hay
Philippe Henry
Michelangelo Hernandez
Gary Hill
Mark Huelsmann
Richard Hughes
Donald Jack
James Jackson
Stephen Jacobs

John Janonis
Clinton Jennings
Dean Johnson
Dean Jones
William Joyce
Julius Karoblis
Joseph Kelley
Terrance Kyle
Ted Langlais
Russell Lombard
Al Lucchini
Reese Lund
Bill Maley
Darryl Marick
Greg Marks
Roger Marquardt
Donald Martin
Wendell Maunula
Berri McBride
Rodney McCoy
Kenneth McDonald
Joseph Menzel
Lawrence Millner
Steven Moawad
Steve Mongillo
Gary Morgret
Edwin Morse
Stewart Morton
James Muth
Neil Nevesny
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Mark Nichol
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