

This production is dedicated to the memory of George Quist, San Francisco Opera Board of Directors, 1979-1982

Ernani

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Francesco Maria Piave

Based on the play "Hernani" by Victor Hugo

Conductor

Lamberto Gardelli

Stage director

Nicolas Joël

Designer

Nicola Benois

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Chorus Director

Richard Bradshaw

Musical Preparation

Philip Eisenberg

Susanna Lemberskaya

Mark Haffner

James Johnson

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg

Assistant Stage Director

Francesca Zambello

Stage Manager

Gretchen Mueller

CAST

<i>Ernani, a bandit chief (Don Juan of Aragon)</i>	Nunzio Todisco
<i>Donna Elvira, Silva's cousin</i>	Montserrat Caballé
	Mary Jane Johnson (9/30)
<i>Don Carlo, King of Spain</i>	Sherrill Milnes
<i>Giovanna, Elvira's nurse</i>	Dolora Zajic (later, Zajick)
<i>Don Ruy Gomez de Silva, a grandee of Spain</i>	Paul Plishka
<i>Don Riccardo, attendant to the King</i>	Daniel Harper
<i>Iago, attendant to Silva</i>	Jacob Will

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: 1519; Spain and Germany

Friday, September 7 1984, at 9:00 PM
Wednesday, September 12 1984, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 15 1984, at 8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 19 1984, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 22 1984, at 8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 26 1984, at 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 30 1984, at 2:00 PM

Act I -- THE BANDIT
Scene 1 -- In the mountains of Aragon
Scene 2 -- Elvira's apartments in Silva's castle
Act II -- THE GUEST
The grand hall of Silva's castle
Act III -- CLEMENCY
The tomb of Charlemagne at Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle)
Act IV -- THE MASK
Ernani's castle in Saragossa

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Notes:

Production settings owned by Dallas Opera, Greater Miami Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago

Costumes executed by the San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

(Nunzio Todisco was a late replacement for the announced Luciano Pavarotti.)

SUPERNUMERARIES

Hetty Alvarez
Lorna Bridges
Huguette Combs
Carol Dunlap
Joan Imbeau
Nina Izotoff
Esther Jennings
Paisley Knudsen
Donna Martin
Jan Moody
Holly Morrison
Claire Nice
Dorothy Papo
Marianne Petroni
Miriam Preece
Ellen Sanchez
Stella Tatro
Beverly Terry
Karen Topp
Carolyn Waugh
Ann Williamson

Richard Ares
Sky Bamford
Stephen Bartlett-Re
Steve Bauman
Bruce Brown
Tony Bua
Stewart Clark
Bill Colligan
Don Crawford
Tom Curran
Martin Doyle
Brandon Duisenberg
Toby Duisenberg
Hilbert Duperroir
Kermit DuVal
Bill Easley
David Elkind
Rick Emmons
Peter Felleman
Kurt Frank
Mickey Frettoloso
Eugenio Gamez
Phil Gibson
Rex Golightly
Albert Goodwyn
Joe Hay
Bill Higgins
Richard Hughes
Steve Jacobs
Clinton Jennings
Dean Johnson
Jeff Kasmar
Joe Kelley
Jay Lanahan
Ralph Ludascher
Berri McBride
Lindsay McCall
Arnold McGilbray
Don Martin

Allen Miller
Matt Miller
Larry Millner
Steve Moawad
John Moore
Malcolm Mosher
Ted Pappas
Tyrone Pardue
Michael Pitkin
Patrick Presto
Paul Ricks
Jeff Sarasson
Noel Skidmore
Ray Souza
Jonathan Spieler
Robert Squeri
Alvin Taylor
Allen Tusting
Paul Vuksich
Gary Wendt-Bogear
Patrick Weyers
Rod Williams
Joe Willis