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# Death in Venice

(in English)

Opera in two acts by Benjamin Britten

Libretto by Myfanwy Piper

Based on the short story by Thomas Mann

## Conductor

John Mauceri

## Production

Gerald Freedman

## Designer

John Conklin

## Choreographer

Joyce Trisler

## Lighting Designer

John Wright Stevens

## Musical Preparation

Susan Webb

## Production assistance

Ralph Clifford

## Costumes

(See notes)

## CAST

<i>Gustav von Aschenbach</i>	Ken Remo
<i>The traveller</i>	Ronald Hedlund
<i>Elderly fop</i>	Ronald Hedlund
<i>Old gondolier</i>	Ronald Hedlund
<i>Hotel manager</i>	Ronald Hedlund
<i>Hotel barber</i>	Ronald Hedlund
<i>Leader of the players</i>	Ronald Hedlund
<i>Dionysus</i>	Ronald Hedlund
<i>Apollo</i>	John Ferrante
<i>Tadzio, a Polish boy</i>	Glen Hasstedt
<i>His mother</i>	Wendy Holt
<i>Tadzio's sister</i>	Megan McDougall
	Emmy Boorstein
<i>Their governess</i>	Allyson Way
<i>Jaschuu, Tadzio's friend</i>	Peter Reed
<i>Young man on a boat to Venice</i>	Tom Acord
	Ryan Allen
	Ronald Corrado
	Ron Emery
	James A. Shields,
	James Stanard
<i>Girl on shore</i>	Donna Cole
	Marilyn Joy Coles
	Claudia Cummings
	Sharon Davis
	Constance Haldaman
	Christina Jaqua
	Camille Rosso
<i>Ship's steward</i>	David Romano
<i>Hotel porter</i>	Peter Van Derick
<i>Lido boatman</i>	James A. Shields
<i>Strolling player</i>	Claudia Cummings
	Tom Acord
<i>Street dancer</i>	Margaret DeWitt
<i>Acrobat, beach guard</i>	Richard Browne
	Jeff Sherwood
<i>English clerk in a travel bureau</i>	Ronald Corrado
<i>A French mother</i>	Christina Jaqua
<i>Her daughter</i>	Camille Rosso
<i>A German mother</i>	Mildred Owen
<i>A German father</i>	Ronald Corrado
<i>Their son</i>	John Loschmann
<i>An American</i>	Tom Acord
<i>An American</i>	James Stanard
<i>Jaschuu's father</i>	Ryan Allen
<i>Polish son</i>	Isom Buenavista

<i>A Danish lady</i>	Claudia Cummings
<i>An English lady</i>	Donna Cole
<i>A Russian mother</i>	Sue Hinshaw-Goreniuc
<i>A Russian father</i>	John Miller
<i>Russian child</i>	George Saunders Philip Saunders Tanya Shenkowski
<i>Their nanny</i>	Willene Gunn
<i>A strawberry seller</i>	Camille Rosso
<i>Guide</i>	Ronald Corrado
<i>Priest</i>	Vahan Toolajian
<i>A lace seller</i>	Donna Cole
<i>A glassmaker</i>	James Stanard
<i>A beggar-woman</i>	Christina Jaqua
<i>A waiter</i>	David Romano
<i>A newspaper seller</i>	Eddy Pierce Berry
<i>A doll seller</i>	Colleen Letourneau
<i>A postcard seller</i>	Donald Andrews
<i>A photographer</i>	William Pisenti
<i>Gondolier</i>	John Duykers Ron Emery James A. Shields
<i>Tourist</i>	Eddy Pierce Berry Constance Haldaman Marie Laferrière Donald Andrews Ron Emery William Pisenti James A. Shields Vahan Toolajian Peter Van Derick
<i>Venetian</i>	Marilyn Joy Coles Sharon Davis

\*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: 1912; Munich and Venice

Friday, April 4 1975, at 8:00 PM

Sunday, April 6 1975, at 2:00 PM

Thursday, April 10 1975, at 8:00 PM

Saturday, April 12 1975, at 8:00 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- Munich

Act I, Scene 2 -- On the boat to Venice

Overture

Act I, Scene 3 -- Venice -- the journey to the Lido

Act I, Scene 4 -- The first evening at the hotel

Act I, Scene 5 -- On the beach

Act I, Scene 6 -- The foiled departure

Act I, Scene 7 -- The games of Apollo

Act II, Scene 1 -- The barber's visit

Act II, Scene 2 -- The pursuit

Act II, Scene 3 -- The strolling players

Act II, Scene 4 -- The travel bureau

Act II, Scene 5 -- The lady of the pearls

Act II, Scene 6 -- The dream

Act II, Scene 7 -- The beach

Act II, Scene 8 -- The barber's second visit

Act II, Scene 9 -- The last trip to Venice

Act II, Scene 10 -- The departure

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