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Falstaff

(in Italian)

Opera in three acts by Giuseppe Verdi
Libretto by Arrigo Boito
Based on works by William Shakespeare

Conductor

Maurizio Arena
Richard Bradshaw (11/25,30)

Production

Jean-Pierre Ponnelle

Designer

Jean-Pierre Ponnelle

Stage director

Robin Thompson (11/25,30)

Lighting Designer

Thomas J. Munn

Chorus Director

Richard Bradshaw

Musical Preparation

Robert Morrison
Jeffrey Goldberg
Susanna Lemberskaya
Jonathan Khuner
Philip Eisenberg
Joseph De Rugeriis
Mark Haffner

Prompter

Philip Eisenberg
Joseph De Rugeriis (11/25,30)

Assistant to Mr. Ponnelle

Vera Lúcia Calábria

Assistant Stage Director

Paula Williams

Supertitles

Paul Moor (11/25,30 only)

Stage Manager

Gretchen Mueller

Sunday, October 20 1985, at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, October 23 1985, at 8:00 PM
Sunday, October 27 1985, at 2:00 PM
Wednesday, October 30 1985, at 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 2 1985, at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, November 5 1985, at 8:00 PM
Friday, November 8 1985, at 8:00 PM
Monday, November 25 1985, at 8:00 PM
Saturday, November 30 1985, at 2:00 PM

CAST

<i>Sir John Falstaff</i>	Ingvar Wixell Richard Pendergraph (11/25,30)
<i>Bardolfo</i>	Joseph Frank Dennis Petersen (11/25,30)
<i>Pistola</i>	Kevin Langan Monte Pederson (11/25,30)
<i>Host of the Garter Inn</i>	Daniel Becker
<i>Robin, page to Falstaff</i>	Aaron Denny Sasha Radetsky (11/25,30)
<i>Mistress Quickly</i>	Marilyn Horne* Dolora Zajic (later, Zajick) (11/25,30)
<i>Dr. Caius</i>	Rémy Corazza Daniel Harper (11/25,30)
<i>Mistress Meg Page</i>	Susan Quittmeyer Kathryn Cowdrick (11/25,30)
<i>Mistress Alice Ford</i>	Pilar Lorengar Nikki Li Hartliep (11/25,30)
<i>Nannetta</i>	Ruth Ann Swenson Li-Chan Chen (11/25,30)
<i>Fenton</i>	Walter MacNeil James Schwisow (11/25,30)
<i>Ford</i>	Alan Titus David Malis (11/25,30)
<i>Mr. Page</i>	Matthew Lord

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Windsor, England, on the banks of the Thames,
during the reign of Henry IV

Act I, Scene 1 -- The taproom at the Garter Inn
Scene 2 -- The garden of Ford's house
Act II, Scene 1 -- The taproom of the Garter Inn
Scene 2 -- A room in Ford's house
Act III, Scene 1 -- Outside the Garter Inn
Scene 2 -- Herne's Oak in Windsor Forest

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Notes:

Scenery constructed in San Francisco Opera Scenic Studios

Costumes executed by San Francisco Opera Costume Shop

Two years later, Mr. McEwen selected a number of operas from various seasons for broadcasts, including Falstaff, which aired on November 21, 1987 -- locally on KKHI; also on WFMT Chicago.

SUPERNUMERARIES (selected from the following list)

Gertraud Albert
Susan Anderson
Patricia Angell
Devi Baptiste
Irene Bechtel
Phyllis Blair
Nora Brandstadter
Katherine Brazaitis
Dorothy C. Brown
Barbara Bruser
Madeline Chase
Phoebe Ciaffi
Huguette Combs
Renée DeJarnatt
Courtney Fowler
Linda Hardgrove-Teets
Jeanne Harvey
Jennifer Heglar
Alianna Jaqua
Esther Jennings
Mary Joyce
Jackie Kaagen
Candace Kahn
Francesca Leo
Betty MacDonald
Patricia Medicina
Edith Modie
Jacquelynn Modl-Inglese
Liska Janelle Moody
Suzette Morales
Thelma Morris
Holly Morrison
Janet Morse
Gabrielle Motarjemi
Dorothy Papo
Nancy Petrisko
Miriam Preece
Camille Reich
Francesca Roveda
Louise Russo
Ellen Sanchez
Burgess Shiu
Stella Tatro
Beverly Terry
Sally Warren
Lisa Waters
Carolyn Waugh
Susan Weiss
Susan Wendt-Bogear

Zoltan Andahazy
Gene Angell
Richard Ares
Aaron Baca
James Baca
Nathan Baca
Sean Baca
Stephen Bartlett-Re
Franklin Bauer

Steve Bauman
Todd Beauchamp
Don Bechtel
Noah Berry
Jonah Blechman
Ryan Boyd
Brandon
Bruce Brown
Vincent Brooks
Richard Campbell
Tom Carlisle
Roy Castellini
Gene Cikota
Stewart Clark
David Clover
Rudy Cook
Burton Covel
Jared Danielson
Roger Davidson
Daniel DeJarnatt
Alan Dettmering
Marc Dettmering
Scott Dettmering
Robert Donnelly
Kermit DuVal
William Easley
David Elkind
Rick Emmons
Joel Fort
Kurt Neal Frank
Mickey Frettoloso
Peter Garadis
Tom Garadis
Phillip Gibson
Albert Goodwyn
Benjamin Haas
Louis Handler
Steve Harper
Kent Harvey
Joe Hay
Philippe Henry
William Higgins
Paul Hofmann
Mark Huelsmann
Donavan Hughes
John Janonis
Clinton Jennings
Paul Johansson
Richard Jones
William Joyce
Chris Judge
Julius Karoblis
Joe Kelley
Patrick Kelson
Elliot Koppel
Ken Korpi
Mike Kurtz
George LaLumiere
Aaron Locey
Lance Locey
Ross Malsbary
Donald Martin
Ramon Martinez
Eugene Masciarelli
Berri McBride
Richard McGeary
Matt Miller
Lawrence Millner
John H. Moore
John L. Moore
Edwin Morse
Malcolm Mosher
Daniel Moya
Chris Noll
Robert Peel
David Peters
Peter Phinney

Harrison Pierce
Michael Pitkin
Thaddeus Przybranowski
Ian Reddoch
Alex Reich
Marc Reich
Paul Ricks
Ken Schlobohm
Chris Sheffield
Arthur B. Simon
Jim Sizemore
Geoff Skidmore
Ray Souza
Maury Sterling
Jerry Steimle
Don Studebaker
Tom Taffel
Allen Tusting
John Varvarousis
Carter Weeman
Brett Weil
Rick Weil
Gary Wendt-Bogear
Joseph Willis
Art Zigas