

La Forza del Destino

(in Italian)

Opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Francesco Maria Piave

Conductor

Gaetano Merola

Stage director

Armando Agnini

Chorus Director

Kurt Herbert Adler

CAST

Marquis of Calatrava Lorenzo Alvary

Donna Leonora, his daughter Stella Roman

Don Carlo, his son Leonard Warren

Don Alvaro Frederick Jagel

Abbot of Hornachuelos Ezio Pinza

Fra Melitone, a friar Salvatore Baccaloni

Preziosilla Herta Glaz

Curra Thelma Votipka

Trabuco Alessio De Paolis

The Surgeon George Cehanovsky

Alcalde Lorenzo Alvary

An Old Woman Leila Cambi

*Role debut †U.S. opera debut

PLACE AND TIME: Middle of the Eighteenth Century; Spain and Italy

Sunday, October 1 1944, at 2:15 PM

Act I, Scene 1 -- Room in the House of Marquis of Calatrava

Scene 2 -- An Inn at Hornachuelos

Act II -- The Cloister of the Monastery of Hornachuelos

Act III -- Desolate Farm House in Velletri Wood

Act IV, Scene 1 -- Same as Act II

Scene 2 -- A Solitary Spot near the Convent

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Notes:

Corps de Ballet

Part of the opera was broadcast live on October 1 between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. over the Mutual Broadcasting System, sponsored by Safeway Stores.

Program note:

The opera was first produced in St. Petersburg, November 11, 1862.

Seven years later at La Scala another scene was added.

The original production is given here with the overture played between Scenes 1 and 2 of Act I.

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