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The Magic Flute

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"The Magic Flute"

An Opera in Two Acts By Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Friday, April 7 and Saturday April 8 at 8:00pm

Conducted by Brent McMunn Directed by Courtney Selan Designed by Simon Tomkinson

Lighting By Simon Tomkinson and Luke Davis

Program

Act I
Intermission
Act II

The Magic Flute

Synopsis

Act I

Three Ladies, attendants of the Queen of the Night, save the fainting Prince Tamino from a huge serpent. After they have killed the Beast, the Ladies linger to admire the unconscious youth. Deciding to leave together rather than allowing any one of them the treat of staying to protect him, they exit to inform the Queen of the Night of his arrival.

The birdcatcher Papageno bounces in and introduces himself, pining for a pretty wife, then boasts to Tamino that he himself slew the monster. The Ladies return to give Tamino a portrait of the Queen's daughter, Pamina, who they say is enslaved by the evil Sarastro, and they padlock Papageno's mouth for his boastful lie. Tamino falls in love at first sight to the image of Pamina. The Queen appears and, lamenting the loss of her daughter to Sarastro, charges Tamino with Pamina's rescue. Papageno is delighted when the Three Ladies unclasp his mouth but not so pleased when they order him to accompany Tamino on his dangerous mission. The Ladies hand a magic flute to Tamino and magic silver bells to Papageno to ensure their safety, appointing Three Spirits to guide them on their way.

Sarastro's slave Monostatos pursues and catches Pamina but is frightened away by Papageno, who tells Pamina that Tamino loves her and intends to save her. The two join voices in praise of love.

Led by the Spirits to the Temple of Sarastro, Tamino tries three gates before a High Priest appears and advises him that it is the Queen of the Night, not Sarastro, who is evil. When voices within proclaim Pamina safe, Tamino charms the animals with his flute, then runs off in search of her. Pamina and Papageno rush in, chased by Monostatos and his retainers, who are rendered helpless by the music of Papageno's magic bells. Sarastro, entering in ceremony, promise eventual freedom but warns against the will of her proud Mother. When Monostatos enters with the captured Tamino, he is punished rather than rewarded by Sarastro, who admonishes him for tormenting Pamina. The latter is enchanted by a glimpse of Tamino, who is led to the Temple with Papageno.

Act II

The Priests, within the Temple's walls, hear Sarastro announce Tamino's candidacy for initiation; he prays that the gods may bless the youth. Warned of the trials ahead and sworn to silence, Tamino is impervious to the temptations of the Three Ladies, who have no trouble detailing the cheerful Papageno from his course of virtue.

Monostatos, finding Pamina asleep, tries to steal a kiss, but is frightened by the arrival of the wrathful Queen of the Night, who gives her daughter a dagger with which to murder Sarastro. Monostatos returns when the Queen vanishes, but Pamina is Rescued by Sarastro, who consoles her.

Papageno is quick to break a new oath of fasting, and he jokes with an old woman who vanishes when asked her name. The Three Spirits reassure the two initiates and brings them food, but Tamino maintains his vow of silence, breaking Parana's heart; She cannot understand why Tamino will not speak to her. Pamina leaves and Tamino drags the gluttonous Papageno away.

The Priests laud Tamino's virtue and inform him that he has only two more trials to complete his initiation. Pamina is relieved when Tamino speaks to her but upset when she hears of his further ordeals; Sarastro says the lovers will meet again and separates them.

Papageno is separated from further trials and still wishes for a pretty girl, but he settles for an old lady, who transforms into Papagena when the resigned Papageno promises to be faithful. However, a Priest tells the birdman he is still not yet worthy of a wife.

Pamina, on the verge of suicide, is saved by the Three Spirits and led to Tamino. Later at the caverns of fire and water, two armored Soldiers proclaim that Tamino must pass the test of the elements. Pamina walks with him through fire and water, protected by the magic flute.

Papageno is also saved from an attempted suicide by the Spirits, who remind him to use his magic bells, which summon Papagena. The two plan for the future.

The Queen of the Night, her Three Ladies and Monostatos intend to attack the temple but are repulsed. The throng hails Sarastro, Pamina and Tamino.

Cast

Sarastro Ian Kerr Tamino Jeryck Acuna **Speaker & First Priest** David Edwards Second Priest John Bird Queen of the Night Diane Plaster Pamina, her daughter Lynn Houghton First Lady Julia Bonilla Second Lady Erin Shelton Third lady Carla Adagun First Boy Minh Randolph Second Boy Kathleen Simmons Kendra Wohlert Third Boy An Old Woman (Papagena) Judy Hur Papageno Eli Villanueva Monostatos Ken Burdick First Man in Armour/ Billy Baldwin

First Slave

Second Man in Armour/ Derrick Smith
Second Slave

Chorus: Priests, Slaves and Attendants

Billy Baldwin Judy Hur
John Bird Minh Randolph
Jennifer Brennan Kathleen Simmons
Deborah Dey Derrick Smith
David Edwards Kendra Wohlert

Orchestra

Violin I
Thi Nguyen
Michelle Dupuis
Marie Gonzales
Michael Lin
Joshua Hsu

Violin II Kristen Autry Michelle Opie Christine Ho Alicia Paredes Loretta Saladino

Viola
Danielle Vandervelde
Katey Brackney
Christina Placilla

Violoncello Joe Osio Jean Kwak Anton Estaniel

Kontrabass
Danton Boller
Jeff Dickinson

Flutes
Kristen Bellisario
Joanne Siu

Oboes
Laura Stone
Tom Williams

Clarinets
Tamara Bolduc
Katherine Browning

Bassoons Chien-Hui Liu Will Hutchinson

Horns Liz Royce Brian Shetland

Trumpets
Tim Hammon
Joseph Yune

Trombones
Chris Nichols
Amy Bowers
Chuck Drinkworth

Timpani Heath Bennet

Celesta

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