



# Aida

*Melodrama in four Acts*

*Music: Giuseppe Verdi*

*Libretto: Antonio Ghislanzoni (after a scenario by Auguste Mariette)*

*World Premiere: Cairo 24th December 1871*

*First performance in Malta: 11th October 1877*

<b>Aida</b>	<b>Silvia dalla Benetta</b>
<b>Amonasro</b>	<b>Devid Cecconi</b>
<b>Ramfis</b>	<b>Carlo Colombara</b>
<b>Amneris</b>	<b>Sanja Anastasia</b>
<b>Radames</b>	<b>Antonino Interisano</b>
<b>Re</b>	<b>Petri Lindroos</b>
<b>Sacerdotessa</b>	<b>Georgina Stalbow</b>
<b>Messaggero</b>	<b>Frans Mangion</b>

*Priests, priestesses, dancers, slaves, guards, soldiers, Egyptian populace  
and Ethiopian prisoners of war.*

*Setting: Egypt at the time of the Pharaohs*

**Malta Philharmonic Orchestra**  
**Teatru Astra Opera Chorus**  
*in collaboration with*  
**Coro Lirico Siciliano**

*Conductor: Joseph Vella*  
*Artistic Director: Enrico Stinchelli*

Orchestra Leader	<b>Marcelline Agius</b>	Scenography	<b>Joseph Cauchi</b>
Chorus Instructors	<b>Maria Frendo</b>	Assistant Scenographer	<b>Andrew Portelli</b>
	<b>Francesco Costa</b>	Costumes	<b>Manuel Grima</b>
Stage Managers	<b>Andrew Portelli</b>		<b>George Farrugia</b>
	<b>Carmel Zammit</b>		<b>Arrigo Costumi</b>
Stage Construction	<b>Johnny Micallef</b>	Lights	<b>George Zammit</b>
	<b>Bradley Xuereb</b>		<b>Nexos</b>
Assistant Director	<b>Ulduz Ashraf Gandomi</b>		<b>Juan Vella</b>
Production Assistants	<b>Antonella Zammit</b>	Projections	<b>MAV Multimedia</b>
	<b>David Camilleri</b>		<b>Ismael Portelli</b>
	<b>Sarah Grech</b>		<b>Alex Magri</b>
Rehearsal Pianist	<b>Christian Maggio</b>	Props/Headwear	<b>Miriam Attard</b>
Choreography	<b>Sarah Grech</b>		<b>George Camilleri</b>
	<b>Lucia Piqueuro</b>		

## TEATRU ASTRA OPERA CHORUS

**Females:** Maria Antonia Arena, Graziella Arrigo, Marialuana Belfiore, Marica Borg, Daniela Calcamo, Abigail Camilleri, Anne Camilleri, Antoinette Camilleri, Julia Camilleri, Sarah Cassar, Karin Catania, Josette Cremona, Lorann Debono, Marie Claire Dingli, Charlene Formosa, Christabelle Formosa, Maria Formosa, Tresha Formosa, Maria Frendo, Alison Gatt, Christine Gauci, Olivia Grech, Francesca Iacono, Marina Lekova, Monica Mallia, Nicole Micallef, Dorianne Portelli, Antonella Rapa, Sharon Refalo, Jahel Sacco, Esther Scicluna, Denise Spiteri, Marie Georgette Spiteri, Mariella Spiteri Cefai, Lorianna Tabone, Marielise Tabone, Elaine Thomas, Gabriella Vella, Mariella Xuereb

**Males:** Charlon Abela, James Agius, Nuccio Anselmo, Cosimo Arena, Brandon Attard, Riccardo Bosco, Joseph Buhagiar, Daniele Cannavò, Antonio Cassarino, Giuseppe Costante, Ray Debono, Gilbert Delicata, Giovanni Luca Failla, Andrew Farrugia, Vincent Farrugia, Mattia Felice, Rocco Fodale, George Joseph Frendo, Frans Mangion, Alesso Fortunato Manno, Carmelo Maucieri, Stephen John Mifsud, Alberto Munafò Siragusa, Miguel Rosales, Gianpaolo Santonocito, Mario Schilirò, Okàn Sipahioglu, Roderick Tabone, Marco Tinnirello, Mirko Vacante, Franco Vella

## ŻFINMALTA APPRENTICE DANCERS

Lucia Piqueuro (Choreographer), Fabiana Mangialardi, Patrick Laera

## DANCERS (DANCE NARRATIVES –SARAH GRECH SCHOOL OF DANCE)

Giannella Cassar, Martha Grima, Ann Marie Azzopardi, Maria Vella, Denise Said, Rose Marie Grima, Marie Josette Mercieca, Stephanie Portelli, Sarah Grech

## EXTRAS

**Males:** James Borg, Francis James Camilleri, George Charles Camilleri, George Joseph Camilleri, Jamie Camilleri, Glenn Curmi, Riccardo Gatt Ellis, Eman Haber, George Pisani, Andre' Mercieca, Darren Muscat, Nicholas Portelli, Giovanni Scicluna, Nikola Zahra

**Females:** Gina Attard, Marilyn Axiak, Mary Anne Cremona, Nina Cremona, Veronica Cremona, Katrina Cini, Kristina Marie Curmi, Giada Farrugia, Katya Livori, Tara Marie Mercieca, Georgianne Mizzi, Marie-Georgette Mizzi, Frances Portelli, Sandra Said, Maria Schembri, Melina Sciberras, Lorna Tabone, Melissa Vassallo, Romina Vassallo, Josianne Xerri, Mary Grace Xuereb, Elena Zammit

**Children:** Jerome Attard, Joseph Attard, Dean Camilleri, Eman George Camilleri, Karl Curmi, Kurt Cutajar, Jordie Ellis, Gabor Farrugia, Gan Franco Gatt Ellis, George Mercieca, Jerome Portelli, Anthony Vassallo, James Vassallo, Gabriel Vella

## REHEARSAL PIANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR OFF-STAGE

Christian Maggio

## BAND OFF-STAGE

Francesco Barbara, Tony Borg, George Camilleri, John Cutajar, René Cutajar, Gabby Sciberras, Oliver Sciberras, Mario Testa, Frank Vella

## TRUMPETS ON STAGE

Justin Azzopardi, Wayne Bonello, Robert Buttigieg, Joseph Chircop, Mark Saliba, Alex Zammit

## LIGHTS

George Zammit, Nexos, Juan Vella, Elena Zammit

## PROJECTIONS

MAV Multimedia, Ismael Portelli, Alex Magri

## **SEAMSTRESSES AND WARDROBE CREW**

Nikolina Attard, Charles Ballucci, Ġorġa Camilleri, Rose Camilleri, Doris Cassar, Melania Cassar, Rita Cassar, M'Rose Grima, Ina Zammit, Gina Attard, Maria Cachia, Nina Cremona, Doris Farrugia, Nazzareno Galea, Carmen Grima, Josephine Sacco, Melina Sciberras, Lorna Xuereb, Noemi Zammit

## **HEADWEAR**

Miriam Attard, Angela Camilleri, Lina Camilleri, George Camilleri, Denise Galea, Lorna Xuereb, Lucienne Zammit

## **PROPS AND BACKSTAGE ASSISTANTS**

Antonella Zammit, George Camilleri, Miriam Attard, David Camilleri, Sarah Grech, Lora Schembri, Lora Xerri

## **STAGE CONSTRUCTION CREW**

Joseph Cauchi, Andrew Portelli, Johnny Micallef, Bradley Xuereb, Leli Attard, Andre' Mercieca, George Mercieca, Carmel Zammit, Aaron Cini, George Zammit, Kevin Vassallo, George Grech, George Attard, Riccardo Gatt Ellis, Kurt Cassar, Mario Xuereb, Nicholas Portelli

## **POSTER**

Andrew Portelli

## **FLOWERS**

Miriam Attard (Fleur Floral Decor)

## **MAKE-UP**

Ann-Marie Caruana, Noel Debono, Michael Cutajar Zahra, Ariann Bonnici, Andrea Bezzina, Amanda Grima, Rose Grima

## **HAIR-DRESSING**

Abigail Vella, Silver Scissors Salon

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