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## THE MERRY WIDOW

FRANZ LEHÁR (1870–1948)

*'It's a wonderfully rich piece of musical theatre, of course gorgeous melodies but also the story touches on some real basic truths about human relationships'* Director, Lotfi Mansouri

Lotfi Mansouri's spectacular last production as General Director of San Francisco Opera with Yvonne Kenny making her debut in the title role, new dialogue specially commissioned from Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Wendy Wasserstein, and an original ballet to set the scene 'Chez Maxim's', bringing fresh insight into Lehár's classic operetta.

Sung in English with French, German and Spanish subtitles.

TV Director **Gary Halvorson**  
TV Producers **Judy Flannery, John Walker**  
TV Executive Producer **David Horn**

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Valencienne **Angelika Kirchsclager**  
Camille de Rosillon **Gregory Turay**  
Baron Mirko Zeta **Carlo Hartmann**  
Vicomte Cascada **Curtis Sullivan**  
Raoul de St. Brioche **Jonathan Boyd**  
Kromow **Bob Amaral**  
Olga **Marnie Breckenridge**  
Pritschitch **William Saetre**  
Praskowia **Jayne Taini**  
Bogdanovitch **Peter Strummer**  
Sylviane **Colleen McGrath**  
Njegus **Elijah Chester**  
Zozo **Janice Lynde**  
Maitre d'hôtel **Matt Logan**  
Stage Director **Lotfi Mansouri**  
Costume Designer **Thierry Bosquet**  
Set Designer **Michael Yeargan**  
Lighting Designer **Jennifer Tipton**  
Choreographer **Lawrence Pech**  
Conductor **Erich Kunzel**  
**San Francisco Opera Orchestra**  
**San Francisco Opera Chorus and Ballet**

### EXTRA FEATURES

- Illustrated synopsis
- Cast gallery
- Impressions: Lotfi Mansouri, Yvonne Kenny, Bo Skovhus, Angelika Kirchsclager and Gregory Turay discuss *The Merry Widow*

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