FIDELIO

by LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

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Meany Hall
8:30 p.m.

AN OPERA THEATER PRODUCTION OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC
University of Washington, Seattle
CAST, in order of appearance

Jaquino, a gatekeeper . . . . . Guilford Brett, tenor
Marcellina, daughter of Rocco . . Joyce Weeks Morrison, soprano
Rocco, prison jailor . . . . . Russell Marshall, baritone
Pizarro, Governor of the prison . . . . . August Werner, bass
Leonora, wife of Florestan disguised as Fidelio . . . . . Athena Lampropulos, soprano
Florestan, a prisoner . . . . . Will Elliott, tenor
Fernando, minister . . . . . David Humphrey, bass


PLACE: A Spanish States prison

ACT I Courtyard of the prison

INTERMISSION

ACT II Scene I A dungeon

Scene II The courtyard of the prison

The story . . . . .

Don Florestan, a favorite of the king, has been secretly imprisoned by the traitorous Don Pizarro. Leonora, Florestan’s faithful wife suspects that Pizarro has captured him. Disguised as a youth under the name of Fidelio, she enters the service of Rocco, the jailor of the States prison, of which Pizarro is the governor. She runs great risk of discovery, as Marcellina, the daughter of Rocco falls in love with the supposed youth, and Rocco desires to unite them. Leonora is enabled to visit the underground dungeons and finds her husband. The cruel Pizarro has condemned him to death by famine, but determines to hasten his end, as the powerful minister, Don Fernando, a friend of Florestan, is coming to inspect the prison. Rocco and Leonora are compelled to dig a grave as Pizarro intends to murder Florestan before the minister arrives. Leonora succeeds in saving her husband with the aid of Don Fernando, who arrives opportunely. The villain Pizarro receives his well-deserved punishment.
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