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HANSEL AND GRETEL

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STAGE DIRECTOR Claudia Zahn
SET DESIGNER Aaron Nather
COSTUME DESIGNER Kristin Hubbard
LIGHTING DESIGNER Miki Takahashi
ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR Robert Huw Morgan*
(conducting November 9 preview)

CAST

HANSEL .................. Sarah Mattox (November 11 and 15)
                        Jenny Knapp (November 13)
GRETEL .................. Kim Hillock (November 11 and 15)
                        April Fissel (November 13)
FATHER .......................... Jay McManus
MOTHER .......................... Marci Morrell
WITCH .......................... Jennifer Trimboli
SANDMAN .......................... Soon Cho
DEW FAIRY .......................... Ellaina Lewis

ADULT CHORUS
  Candice Balen, Patricia Naylor

CHILDREN'S CHORUS
  Taylor Bolibol, Julie Bourne, Katherine Bourne;
  Andrew Carter, David Hamilton, Joel Harrington,
  Kailey Kimball, Karlyn Koughan, Samantha McDowell,
  Erica Smith, Matt Workhoven, Daniel Wright

*Robert Huw Morgan's performance is given in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting.
TIME: 1900
Notes by Claudia Zahn

ACT I

Left alone in their basement tenement to work, Hansel and Gretel try to relieve their hunger and boredom by playing, fighting and generally making a mess of the place. When their mother returns, after yet another fruitless search for work, she is furious at the children for being so lazy. She sends them out to the woods to look for strawberries for their supper. Father then returns from a successful day selling his brooms and has brought lots of food home for his poor family. In the midst of celebrating, he is horrified to learn that the children have been sent into the woods, where a wicked witch bakes children into gingerbread and then devours them. Both parents rush off in search of Hansel and Gretel.

ACT II

As night starts to fall in the forest, Hansel finishes picking strawberries, as Gretel makes a wreath of flowers. They eat all the berries and then realize that it is too dark to look for any more or even to find their way home. Alone and afraid, they imagine seeing and hearing all kinds of terrifying things lurking in the woods. The Sandman comes to allay their fears and make them sleepy. After saying their bedtime prayer, Hansel and Gretel drift off to sleep, dreaming of their guardian angels, who come to bring them comfort and great joy.

ACT III

The children awake at daybreak, refreshed by a good night's sleep. As they recount their dreams, the forest suddenly transforms into a candy factory, covered with sweet things to eat and surrounded by a gingerbread fence. Hansel and Gretel are very hungry and start to break off pieces of the walls and eat them. The wicked witch appears suddenly from inside, grabs them both and then imprisons Hansel in a cage. She tries to fatten Hansel up, but he'll have none of it; she tries to entice Gretel to the oven door so she can push her in and bake her, but Gretel outwits her. The children succeed in pushing the witch into her own oven and baking her. With the witch's spell broken, the gingerbread fence transforms into happy boys and girls who thank Hansel and Gretel for their deliverance. Mother and Father now appear and all ends with rejoicing and a chorus of Thanksgiving.
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