

CAST AND CHARACTERS

FREIA: WENDY BRYN HARMER - GODDESS OF YOUTH AND BEAUTY; HER GOLDEN APPLES KEEP THE GODS YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL.

FRICKA: STEPHANIE BLYTHE - WOTAN'S WIFE; GODDESS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY; SISTER TO FREIA

ERDA: PATRICIA BARDON - WISE GODDESS OF THE EARTH; SHE WARNS WOTAN TO GIVE UP THE RING

LOGE: RICHARD CROFT - GOD OF FIRE AND TRICKERY; HIS CUNNING FREES FREIA FROM THE GIANTS

MIME: GERHARD SIEGEL - ONE OF THE NIBELUNGEN, A BLACKSMITH WHO MAKES THE TARNHELM FOR ALBERICH.

DONNER: DWAYNE CROFT - GOD OF THUNDER; HE SUMMONS THE MISTS WHICH CREATE THE RAINBOW BRIDGE.

WOTAN: BRYN TERFEL - RULER OF THE GODS; GAVE UP HIS ONE EYE TO WOO FRICKA, HIS WIFE.

DONNER - GOD OF THUNDER; HE SUMMONS THE MISTS WHICH CREATE THE RAINBOW BRIDGE.

FROH - BROTHER TO DONNER, FREIA, AND FRICKA.

ALBERICH: ERIC OWENS - STEALS THE RHEINGOLD AND USES ITS POWER TO FORCE THE OTHER NIBELUNGEN INTO HIS SERVICE.

FASOLT: FRANZ-JOSEF SELIG & FAFNER: HANS-PETER KÖNIG - THEY BUILT VALHALLA FOR WOTAN IN EXCHANGE FOR FREIA; THEY AGREE TO ACCEPT GOLD INSTEAD.

MIME - ONE OF THE NIBELUNGEN, A BLACKSMITH WHO MAKES THE TARNHELM FOR ALBERICH.

WONGLINDE, WELLGUNDE, AND FLOSSHILDE - THE THREE NYMPHS WHO GUARD THE RHEINGOLD AND ARE PURSUED BY ALBERICH

DAS RHEINGOLD

CONDUCTOR: JAMES LEVINE

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RICHARD WAGNER



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BASED UPON ANCIENT NORDIC EPICS.

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