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#### SYNOPSIS

ACT I

Scene: Drawing room in the Duke's Palace in Mantua.

The profligate Duke of Mantua is courting the unwilling wife of the Count of Ceprano and the courtier feelings are outraged. The Duke's humpbacked jester, Rigoletto, aids his master's designs and cynically mocks the victim. When the Duke confides in him that he has caught sight of a pretty girl at church, the jester promises more sport, little guessing that that girl is his own daughter. Rigoletto is hated by the courtiers for his biting jests and they plot to abduct the "female" who is hidden in the house Rigoletto is known to visit every night. Meanwhile the Count of Monterone whose daughter has been seduced by the Duke lays a curse upon Rigoletto who is very superstitious, and who is thereby brought to a state of collapse.

ACT II

Scene: The street outside Rigoletto's house and the garden thereof.

Rigoletto is returning home to see his daughter. He is accosted by the innkeeper Sparafucile who offers his services for money. He says he knows Rigoletto has enemies and he is ready to rid him of them. But Rigoletto has no need of his services yet. Having assured himself that Gilda, his daughter, is safe in the charge of her maid Giovanna, he departs again, not before having said a word of warning to the latter, mindful of the curse laid on him by Monterone. But Gilda too was struck by the handsome youth who had smiled at her in church and with the complicity of Giovanna who is well paid by the Duke, is having her innocent trysts with him in the garden. The Duke has told her that he is a poor student, Gualtier Maldè by name and she believes him. The lovers part having been warned by Giovanna that Rigoletto is back. But the jester meets the courtiers who tell him they are after Ceprano's wife, and he offers his help. Rigoletto is blindfolded and made to hold a ladder in place. His daughter is abducted and he realises too late that he has been fooled.

ACT III

Scene: A room in the Duke's Palace.

Gilda has been brought to the Duke's quarters in the palace. He does not know that she is Rigoletto's daughter. The jester, however, has found out the truth. Under a pretence of mirth he tries to enlist the help of the courtier but they turn their backs to him. They are, however, shocked, when, breaking down, Rigoletto implores them to give him back his "daughter". At last, Gilda bursts in upon him. She tells him her tale of woe. She had fallen in love with the Duke little realising how profligate he was. Rigoletto vows vengeance on the Duke.

ACT IV

Scene: Sparafucile's lonely inn near Mantua. Night.

Rigoletto plans to leave Mantua for good. He arranges with Sparafucile to have the Duke killed that night. Rigoletto is aware that the Duke would be coming to the inn that evening. When Gilda joins him, he shows her the Duke courting the innkeeper's sister. But Gilda is still in love with the rascal and, while her father is away for a while, she overhears Maddalena pleading with her brother not to kill the Duke. She hears the "honest" assassin say that, as he must earn his money, he would kill the first guest that came to the inn before midnight. Gilda decides to sacrifice herself to save the Duke. She knocks at the inn and is blindly stabbed in the back as she is admitted. When Rigoletto comes back to claim his victim he is given the body in a sack and is about to hurl it in the river when he is amazed to hear the Duke singing outside. He opens the sack and finds there his dying daughter. As she dies on his arms he shouts out that Monterone's curse has fallen upon him in very deed.

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GIOVEDI, 18 MAGGIO 1972, ORE 20.30 DOMENICA, 21 MAGGIO 1972, ORE 17.00

#### RIGOLETTO

Melodrama in four acts by F. M. PIAVE

Music by GIUSEPPE VERDI

Editore Ricordi

First produced at the "Teatro La Fenice" Venice in 11-3-1851 and at the "Manoel Theatre" Malta in 8-1-1853

#### CHARACTERS

The Duke of Mantua	 	 		MANLIO ROCCHI
Rigoletto, the Court jester	 	 	•••	MARCO STECCHI
Gilda, his daughter	 	 		GIANFRANCA OSTINI
Sparafucile, an Innkeeper	 	 	•••	ALFONSO MARCHICA
Maddalena, his sister	 	 		GIULIANA DI FILIPPO
Giovanna, Gilda's maid	 	 		GIORGINA PAOLIERI
The Count of Monterone	 	 		ELVIO MARINANGELI
Cavaliere Marullo	 	 		GUIDO PASELLA
Matteo Borsa, a courtier	 	 		LUIGI BARUFFI
The Count of Ceprano	 	 		NINO GUIDA
The Countess of Ceprano	 	 		GIORGINA PAOLIERI
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Scenografia: ERCOLE SORMANI — Calzature: ARDITI — Parrucche: MONTI e COLLA —
Attrezzi: RUBECCHINI — Macchinista: FERRUCCIO CALAMARI

#### **RIGOLETTO**

#### L-ISTORJA FIL-QOSOR

#### L-EWWEL ATT

Xena: Sala fil-Palazz tad-Duka ta' Mantua.

Id-Duka ta' Mantua ghaddej hajja ta' Don Juan. Issa jkun tafa' ghajnejh fuq il-Kontessa ta' Ceprano li ma tridx taghtih wicc, u l-kortigjani x'hin jaraw il-buffu tal-Konti, il-hotbi Rigoletto, jghajjar lill-Konti ta' Ceprano, jaqtghu li jpattuhielu. Id-Duka jafda' f'Rigoletto li issa twebbel bi xbejba helwa li ra l-knisja u l-buffu jkompli mieghu. Il-kortigjani li jkunu spiss raw lil Rigoletto sejjer bil-lejl kutu kutu lejn id-dar jahsbu li anki hu ghandu xi habiba hemm, u jaqtghu li jivvendikaw ruhhom minnu billi jisirquhielu. Frattant il-Konti ta' Monterone li d-Duka jkun waqqaghlu l-gieh ta' bintu, jitfa' s-sahta tieghu fuq Rigoletto li johodha bi kbira.

#### IT-TIENI ATT

Xena: Barra t-triq fejn id-dar imwarrba ta' Rigoletto.

Rigoletto hu u sejjer id-dar jiltaqa' ma' Sparafucile, lukandier assassin, li joffrilu li jehilsu mill-eghdewwa li ghandu jekk ihallsu tajjeb. Rigoletto jwiegbu li ghal issa ma ghandux bżonnu. Jidhol id-dar, jara lil bintu u jerga' jmur lejn il-palazz, bla ma jintebah li d-Duka jkun gie warajh u dahallu gewwa. Id-Duka lil Gilda jghidilha li hu student fqir jismu Gutltier Malde, u din temmnu ghax thobbu. Meta Rigoletto jerga' lura jiltaqa' malkortigjani li, biex jidhqu bih, ighidulu li gew biex jisirqu lill-Kontessa ta' Ceprano, u Rigoletto jitlobhom li jidhol maghhom fil-kumplott. Jghammduh u jaghtuh iżommilhom is-sellum bla ma jintebah li jkunu dahlulu f'daru. Jinduna biss wara li jkunu telqu b'bintu ghax jismaghha twerżaq.

#### IT-TIELET ATT

Xena: Sala fil-Palazz tad-Duka.

Il-kortiģjani ģiebu lil Ġilda fil-palazz. Ma jafux li hi bint Rigoletto, imma hu sar jaf li bintu tnsab x'imkien hemm u, taparsi jibbuffunja, ikun ifittixha. Jitlobhom igħinuh imma huma jagħtuh daharhom, sakemm bid-dmugħ f'għajnejh, Rigoletto jitlobhom jagħtuh lura lil "bintu". Meta fl-aħħar Ġilda terġa' tiġi f'dirgħajn missierha tgħidlu fost il-biki kif kienet ħabbet lil ġuvni student li issa saret taf li kien id-Duka. Rigoletto jaħlef li jivvendika ruħu.

#### IR-RABA' ATT

Xena: Il-Lukanda ta' Sparafucile. Bil-lejl.

Rigoletto qata' li jitlaq mill-belt għal dejjem. Jiftiehem ma' Sparafucile sabiex dan joqtol lid-Duka li Rigoletto jkun sar jaf li kien ġej hemm dik il-lejla. Meta Ġilda tilħaq lill-missierha, dan juriha minn barra lid-Duka mitluf jitkessaħ ma' Maddalena, imma Ġilda tkun għadha tħobbu u, filwaqt li missierha jmur jirranġa għall-ħarba, tissemma wara 1-bieb tal-lukanda u tisma' lil Maddalena titlob lil ħuha biex ma joqtolx lid-Duka għax inġibdet warajh. Sparafucile jgħidilha li 1-flus ta' Rigoletto ma jridx jitlifhom u għalhekk jaqta' li 1-ewwel wieħed li jiġi jħabbat il-lukanda qabel ma jdoqq nofs il-lejl (il-ħin li fih għandu jiġi Rigoletto għall-mejjet) jagħtih is-salt u joqtol lilu minflok id-Duka. Ġilda taqta' li tissagrafika ruħha għall-bniedem li tkun thobb. Tħabbat il-bieb. Kif tidħol, Sparafucile jinfidha b'sikkina, u f'nofs il-lejl, x'ħin jiġi Rigoletto, jagħtih lil bintu stess marbuta fi xkora. Rigoletto jkun se jwaddabha fix-xmara imma jisma' lid-Duka jkanta. Jiftaħ l-ixkora u jsib lill-bintu stess qiegħda tmut. Ġilda tmutlu f'dirgħajh u Rigoletto jgħajjat li dik ma kinetx ħaġ'oħra ħlief is-saħta ta' Monterone.

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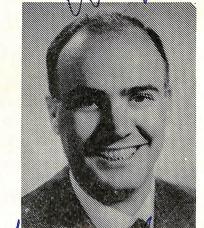
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MANOEL THEATRE ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS MELITENSIS — "Missa da Requiem" by Antonio Nani, on 6th June, at 7.30 p.m.; on 7th June, at 7.30 p.m.

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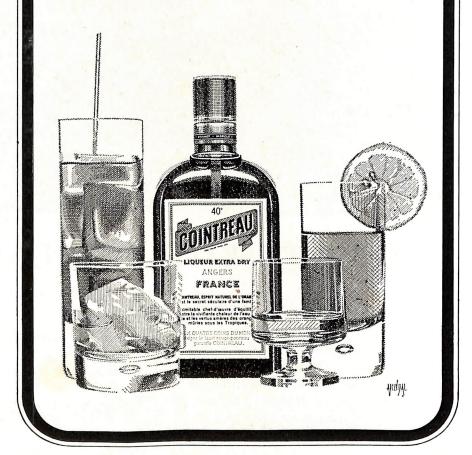




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