Arizona Symphony Orchestra
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Violin
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Max Kerr
Sung-Man Lee
Kaitlyn McLeod
Benjamin Nisbet, principal
Emily Nolan, concertmaster
Miray Rhoads
Rachel Schlessinger
Nathan Zwiener

Viola
Jennifer Bliss-Morris
Sean Colbert
Amber Reed, principal
Sarah Tatman

Violoncello
Rebecca Bartelt
Ian Jones, principal
Brenton Moore

Contrabass
Daniel Mendoza, principal
Megan Aussprung

Harp
Bethany Roper

Piano
Elena Miraztchiyska

Flute, Piccolo
Lauren Rhyne

Oboe, English Horn
Rebecca Dixon

Clarinet
Daniel Becker

Bassoon
Robert Bedont

Horn
Gray Ferris, principal
Gabe Zárate

Trumpet
Kayla Bording
Shawn Prior, principal

Trombone
Gerald Caasi

Percussion
Andrew Coyle
Casey Hadland

Orchestral Assistants
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The Consul

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A large European city circa 1950

Act 1
Scene 1: The Sorel home, early morning
Scene 2: The Consulate, later the same day

INTERMISSION

Act 2
Scene 1: The Sorel home, a month later
Scene 2: The Consulate, a few days later

INTERMISSION

Act 3
Scene 1: The Consulate, several days later
Scene 2: The Sorel home, that night

Cast
(in order of appearance)

John Sorel .................................................. Seth Kershisnik
Magda Sorel ............................................. Mele Santos (Thursday & Saturday)
.................................................. Christy McClarty (Friday & Sunday)
The Mother ............................................. Mackenzie Romriell
Secret Police Agent ................................... Kyle Vincent Connor
First Plainclothesman ............................... Brandon Sheckler-Best
Second Plainclothesman ............................ Dan Oliver
The Secretary ......................................... Stephanie Brink (Thursday & Saturday)
.................................................. Jovahnna Anderson (Friday & Sunday)
Mr. Kofner .............................................. Jess Koehn (Thursday & Saturday)
.................................................. José Coca (Friday & Sunday)
The Foreign Woman ................................. Ellen Hinkle
Anna Gomez ........................................... Gabriella Carillo
Vera Boronel ........................................... Emily Spirk
The Magician .......................................... Brandon Dale (Thursday & Saturday)
.................................................. Mitchell Sturges (Friday & Sunday)
Assan ..................................................... Alejandro Banuelos
The Voice on the Record ........................... Mabel Mercer

Synopsis

In order to save his own life and the lives of his freedom-loving friends, John Sorel is forced to leave his wife Madga, his baby, and his mother, and escape over the frontier. Magda visits the consul’s office to obtain a visa so they can join John, but she is thwarted by the necessity for countless documents and papers. The baby dies and John’s mother falls ill and also dies. At the Consul’s office Magda receives a message from John saying he is returning. To prevent his arrest, Magda sends a note saying he will not find her alive. She returns home and turns on the gas jets, experiencing hallucinations before she dies. John arrives too late and is arrested by the secret police.

– Quaintance Eaton