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## PREFACE.

ARTAXERXES, which is the only English Serious Opera on the Italian model that has retained its popularity, was composed by Dr. Thomas Augustine Arne, and produced at the Theatre Royal Covent Garden, on the 2nd of February 1762. It was performed twice a week, making seven nights between that and the 23d, was repeated for the eighth time on the 1 st. of April for the Benefit of Miss Brent, and a ninth time on the 14th, by Command of His Majesty. There was no Afterpiece given with it during the Season, except a Dance, and it was notified the Characters should be new dressed, and nothing under full Price be taken.

To the original Dramatis Personæ* we find the names of Tenducci and Perettr, Italians ; probably at that time there were not English Singers to be procured capable of sustaining these parts.

It has, ever since its production been used as the Touchstone of Vocal ability, almost every Aspirant to high rank in that department having made choice of it for their debut, and perhaps the advancement of the science may be illustrated by the number who have succeeded, and the fact, that some now hold only second rate situations who have acquitted themselves very creditably in it.

In the season of 1768-9, it was first performed at Drury Lane, and on the 21st of April, 1781 it was revived at that House for the purpose of introducing Miss Phillips, afterwards Mrs. Crouch, a Pupil of Mr. Linley's; her's and it's success was very great, and the Piece was performed seven times during the remainder of that season.


## PREFACE.

In the year 1791, it was chosen as the vehicle to exhibit the rival performances of Madane Mara and Mrs. Billington at the two Theatres, where, aided by the talents of other celebrated Singers, it drew crowded Houses for many weeks.

After an absence of seven years Mrs. Billington returned to England and engaged to perform at both Theatres, and to commence with this Opera, which she did at Covent Garden on the 24th of September, and at Drury Lane on the 5th of October in 1811.

Mr. Braham, after temporary secessions from the Theatres, has generally chosen it for the first display of his great powers.

It may be necessary to offer some apology for the omission of several Airs; none can be founded on their want of merit: on the contrary, if the. ()pera had a fault it was the want of keeping, by the introduction of subordinate matter. The best reason that can be given is, that it was generally considered too long in the representation, and on its reproduction at Covent Garden on the 23d of September 1813, under the able superintendance of Mr. H. R. Bishop, for the debut of Miss Stefiens, it was by him reduced to its present form, $\dagger$ and adapted to the powers of the four new performers, who with the Veteran Charles Incledon in Artabanes, (to him a new cast of character) gave the Opera a new currency, and established it, as it has ever since remained. I have on this account, as well as a wish to make at a theatrical work, decided on publishing it as now performed.

JOHN ADDISON.

| 3772-3, Covent Garden, | 3 Nights. . Artaxerxes. . Mr. Mattocks. <br> artabanes ..Mr. Reinhold. <br> Arbaces .....Mrs. Mattocks. <br> Rimenes ....Mr. Dubellamy. <br> Mandane .....Miss Catley, 1st time <br> Semira ...... .Mrs. Baker. |
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| 1773-4, Covent Garden, | 2 Nights. . The same as last, except Mandane, Miss Jameson. |
| 1774-5, Covent Garden, | 4 Nights. .The same as last, except Mandane, Miss Catley. |
| 1775-6, Covent Garden, | 8 Nights. .Artaxerxes. .Mr. Mattocks. artabanes ..Mr. Reinhold. Arbaces ....Mr. Leomi. Rimenes .....Mr. Dubellamy. Mandane .... Mrs. Mattoclis. Semira .......Miss Davis |
| 1776-7, Covent Garden, | 5 Nights. . Same as last, except Miss Catley, 4 times as Mandane, \& Miss Brown, the 5th, new that Season. |
| 1777-8, Covent Garden, | 1 Night ..Same as last, except Mandane, a Young Lady, 1st Appearancc. |
| 1778-9, Ditto 1 Night,Leon | ni's Benefit. . Mandane .... Miss Brown. Semira...... Miss Morton. The rest as before. |
| 1779-80, Covent Garden, | 4 Nights. .Artaxerxes. . Mrs. Farrcl. afterwards Mrs. Kennedy. The Rest as before. |
| 1780-1, Drury Lane, | 7 Nights. Artaxerxes. . Mrs. Baddeley. Artabanes .. Mr. Vernon. <br> Arbaces .... Miss Prudom. From Italian Opera. <br> Rimenes . . . .Mr. Dubellamy. <br> Mandane .... Young Lady. <br> Miss Phillins, aftervands Mrs. Urouch. |
|  | Semira ...... Miss Wright |
| 1781-2, Drury Lane, | 1 Night . . Artaxerxes. . Miss Collet artabanes .. Mr. Rcinhold From Covent Garden. The rest as before. |
| 1781-2, Covent Garden, | 2 Nights. . Mandane .... Mrs. Martyr. The rest as before. |



* It has been regretted that Mr. Bishop did not at the same time make such additions to the Orchestra Accompaniments as the improved state of Musical Instruments and Performers admit of.



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 Act $1^{\text {st }}$ Scene $1^{\text {st.t. }}$ A Garden belonging to the Royal Palace (Moonligit)


Antuxerxes.


Think what anguish rends my breast, Thus ca = ressing and caress'd;


Think what anguish rends my breast, Thus ca = ressingand caress'd;


Artaxerxes.


too rigid Father has banish'd me the palace. Thy noble Father mighty Artabanes dis =


Artaxerxes


Man.


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## Enter Artabanes

Artabanes. Arbaces. Artab: Arb: Artab:


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Artaxerxes .



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## Enter Mandane

Mandan


Father, and a Lover Alas.'Mandane Does Darius live? or are thy guilty hands $\mathrm{im}=$


Palace for Artabanes and $\mathrm{Da}_{\mathrm{a}}=$ rims but all in vain See! Artabanes comes My


friend! I sought you sir all is accomplish'd Ha! speak, explain! Your Fathers death revenged





fetters like a traitor I'm innocent 0 make but that appegar and doubly'twill endear thee to my love


= sentiment 'gains the King? Was just Didst thou not fly? I did This thy reserve? is



Audacious Boy thus obstinate in ill thy sight's my torment, and this deed's my


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Artabanes.


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side I'm innocent Pray Heav'n thou mays't ; but'till the law decides you must remaina prisiner


Arbaces.


## Artaxerxes



Pierce my breast my heart myheartsinall prove
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Artaxerxes





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Artaxerxes

Act 2d Scene 1st The Royal Apartments: Enter Ataxerxes and Artabanes.


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Artaxerxes


In Infancy, our hopes and fears Were to each other known, And friendship in our

riper years, Has twin'd our hearts in one _ _ . Has twin'd our hearts in



Artaxerxes




Fime Stre, But,



Artaxerxes

Mandane



Scene. The Council Chamber.
Artax:, Satraps, Guards, Exc.
Artaxerxes

death so heavy lies up= on my absent Friend; but since $\mathrm{Ar}=\mathrm{baces}$ denies the ecu =

=station, let the Father be the Sons Judge to cast him or ac = quit him in him is


Artaxerxes

Arbac:

cause I have assigned to worthy Artabanes My Father Judge! Yes he, I'm chilled with


Artab:


Artaxerxes

Hand:


Mane: Artax:

Arbaces dies Oh: Gods Suspend awhile the rash de $=$ cree 'This signed my Liege


I have fulfill'd my duty $A=$ las! my tears betray me Weeps Man= dane in pity



Maid:

Artaxerxes

yours I'll not com = plain ; but kiss the honor'd hand that signed my


Artab:

death Enough.'a = rise: take one em= brace and part.


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 moon-beams which on fountains trem = = ble And sad as Nightingales mourn their (4) moon-beams which on fountains trem = hle And sad as Nightingales moum their




Ah! me at poor Arbaces parting I feel the stroke of death I hope Mandane's

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Mand:

wrath will now subside since at the price of my paternal love I've sated her revenge. Savageno


more! avoid my presence dare not view the light of sun or stars but hide thy cruel head with =



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Artaxerxes


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Harmless is com= par'd to thee com = par'd to thee com = par'd to thee.


Avtaxerxes

Scene A Prison
Enter Artax: then Arbaces from his Cell


Friendship brought me here, to save thee To save me! Yes, that secret passage leadstolife \&



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Artaxerxes


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To the bub ling fount may flee . . Or tho' fer== tile val==leys glide


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all in secret he re = sign'd his wretched breath Oh hapless youth? oh tidings worse than death


I hope your vengeance now is satisfied or would you other victims speak.'I cannot, light cares are ever

soften'd by complaint but suchasmine arrest the powrof speech Ne'erliv'da soul more lost to sense of

弱 Artaxerxes.



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## \#O. Mind:



Maid! my death shall end thy scorn I fly to meet my fate Adieu! for ever Hear me: Ar=



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hear me! oh hear me! Thou art _

timely respite • send Ah! when will your rigour end? Ah! when will your rigour end? - -

timely respite send Ah! when will your rigour end? Ah!' when will your rigour end? - -


Artaxerxes


[^15]Scene A Temple and Throne with the Sun and lighted Altar Artax:, Artab:, Priests \& Nobles assem?



= parting to eternal banishment his single breatopposed, and swore to die in his great Master's


like a Lion flew, struck tho' his Helmet, slew him, and revenged thee Where's my Pere= (1)


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Artaxerxes


Artaxerxes


## Mane:


$=$ picion If deeds, not words, proclaim a loyal heart, per = mit me to be silent




lips have uttered falsehood may this wholesome draught change as it passes Hold.'tis Poison -


Artaxerxes

loyalty and virtue, injur'd youth shall change his sentence into, banishment make no re=


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