



CARMEN

opera in four acts

Libretto by Ludovic Halévy and Henri Meilhac

Music by Georges Bizet

chamber arrangement by Daniel James

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DRAMATIS PERSONAE

in order of appearance

Moralès baritone

Micaëla soprano

Zuniga bass

Don José tenor

Carmen mezzo-soprano

Frasquita soprano

Mercédès soprano

Lilias Pastia speaking role

Escamillo baritone

Dancairo tenor

Remendado tenor

Guide speaking role

Chorus (soldiers, cigarette girls, smugglers,
street vendors etc.) SATB + children's voices

INSTRUMENTATION

Flute/Piccolo

Oboe/Cor Anglais

Clarinet (Bb and A)

Bassoon

Horn

Percussion

(2 timpani, triangle, castanets, tambourine, snare drum, bass drum with cymbal attachment)

Piano

String Quintet

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This arrangement is intended to be performed with spoken dialogue and does not include Guiraud's recitatives which were added to Bizet's score at a later date. It does include several instrumental or underscored passages (in nos. 3, 9 and 26) which are absent from most versions of the opera; these are clearly marked in the present score so that they can easily be cut if not needed.

Anyone wanting to buy orchestral material (hopefully for less than most publishers will charge you) should contact me by email on wunderhorn1917@hotmail.co.uk - Daniel James