

2021 WFMT Opera Series
Broadcast Schedule & Cast Information —Spring/Summer 2021

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PROGRAM #:
RELEASE:

OS 21-01
June 12, 2021

OPERA:

Handel Double-Bill:
Acis and Galatea & Apollo e Dafne

COMPOSER:
LIBRETTO:

George Frideric Handel
John Gay (Acis and Galatea)
G.F. Handel (Apollo e Dafne)

PRESENTING COMPANY:

Haymarket Opera Company

CAST:

Acis
Galatea
Polyphemus
Damon
Chorus

Acis and Galatea

Michael St. Peter
Kimberly Jones
David Govertsen
Kaitlin Foley
Kaitlin Foley, Mallory Harding, Ryan Townsend Strand,
Jianghai Ho, Dorian McCall

CAST:

Apollo
Dafne

Apollo e Dafne

Ryan de Ryke
Erica Schuller

ENSEMBLE:

Haymarket Ensemble

CONDUCTOR:

Craig Trompeter

CREATIVE DIRECTOR:

Chase Hopkins

FILM DIRECTOR:

Garry Grasinski

LIGHTING DESIGNER:

Lindsey Lyddan

AUDIO ENGINEER:

Mary Mazurek

COVID COMPLIANCE OFFICER:

Kait Samuels

ORIGINAL ART:

Zuleyka V. Benitez

Approx. Length:

2 hours, 48 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-02
RELEASE: June 19, 2021

OPERA: Tosca (in Italian)

COMPOSER: Giacomo Puccini
LIBRETTO: Luigi Illica & Giuseppe Giacosa
VENUE: Royal Opera House
PRESENTING COMPANY: Royal Opera

CAST:
Tosca Angela Gheorghiu
Cavaradossi Jonas Kaufmann
Scarpia Sir Bryn Terfel
Spoletta Hubert Francis
Angelotti Lukas Jakobski
Sacristan Jeremy White
Sciarrone Zheng Zhou
Shepherd Boy William Payne

ENSEMBLE: Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
CHORUS: Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
CONDUCTOR: Sir Antonio Pappano

Approx. Length: 2 hours, 15 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-03
RELEASE: June 26, 2021

OPERA: Les vêpres siciliennes (in French)

COMPOSER: Giuseppe Verdi
LIBRETTO: Eugène Scribe & Charles Duveyrier
VENUE: Royal Opera House
PRESENTING COMPANY: Royal Opera

CAST:
Hélène Lianna Haroutounian
Henri Bryan Hymel
Procida Erwin Scrott
Guy de Montfort Michael Volle

Thibault
Ninetta
Daniéli
Mainfroid
Robert
Le Sire de Béthune
Le Comte de Vaudemont

Neal Cooper
Michelle Daly
Nicolas Darmanin
Jung Soo Yun
Jihoon Kim
Jean Teitgen
Jeremy White

ENSEMBLE: Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
CHORUS: Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
CONDUCTOR: Sir Antonio Pappano

Approx. Length: 3 hours, 10 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-04
RELEASE: July 3, 2021

OPERA: Don Giovanni (in Italian)

COMPOSER: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
LIBRETTO: Lorenzo Da Ponte
VENUE: Royal Opera House
PRESENTING COMPANY: Royal Opera

CAST:
Don Giovanni Mariusz Kwiecien
Leporello Alex Esposito
Commendatore Alexander Tsymbalyuk
Donna Elvira Véronique Gens
Donna Anna Malin Byström
Don Ottavio Antonio Poli
Zerlina Elizabeth Watts
Masetto Dawid Kimberg

ENSEMBLE: Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
CHORUS: Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
CONDUCTOR: Nicola Luisotti

Approx. Length: 3 hours, 5 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-05
RELEASE: July 10, 2021

OPERA: Tannhäuser (in German)

COMPOSER: Richard Wagner
LIBRETTO: Richard Wagner
VENUE: Royal Opera House
PRESENTING COMPANY: Royal Opera

CAST:

Tannhäuser	Peter Seiffert
Wolfram von Eschenbach	Christian Gerhaher
Hermann, Landgraf von Thüringen	Stephen Milling
Elisabeth, Hermann's niece	Emma Bell
Venus	Sophie Koch
Walther von der Vogelweide	Ed Lyon
Heinrich der Schreiber	Samuel Sakker
Biterolf	Michael Kraus
Reinmar von Zweter	Jeremy White
A Young Shepherd	Duncan Tarboton
Elisabeth's attendants	Kiera Lyness, Deborah Peake-Jones, Louise Armit, Kate McCarney

ENSEMBLE: Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
CHORUS: Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
CONDUCTOR: Hartmut Haenchen

Approx. Length: 3 hours, 25 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-06
RELEASE: July 17, 2021

OPERA: Der Rosenkavalier (in German)

COMPOSER: Richard Strauss
LIBRETTO: Hugo von Hofmannsthal
VENUE: Royal Opera House
PRESENTING COMPANY: Royal Opera

CAST:

The Marschallin, Princess

Marie Thérèse von Werdenberg
Octavian, Count Rofrano
Sophie van Faninal
Baron Ochs auf Lerchenau
Faninal
Valzacchi
Annina
Italian Singer
Marschallin's Major Domo
Faninal's Major Domo
Marianne Leitmetzerin
Innkeeper
Police Inspector
Notary
Lackey / Waiter

Renée Fleming
Alice Coote
Sophie Bevan
Matthew Rose
Jochen Schmeckenbecher
Wolfgang Ablinger-Sperrhacke
Angela Simkin
Giorgio Berrugi
Samuel Sakker
Thomas Atkins
Miranda Keys
Alasdair Elliott
Scott Conner
Jeremy White
Dominic Barrand

ENSEMBLE:

Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

CHORUS:

Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

CONDUCTOR:

Andris Nelsons

Approx. Length:

3 hours, 35 minutes

PROGRAM #:

OS 21-07

RELEASE:

July 24, 2021

OPERA:

Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk (in Russian)

COMPOSER:

Dmitri Shostakovich

LIBRETTO:

Dmitri Shostakovich & Alexander Preys

VENUE:

Royal Opera House

PRESENTING COMPANY:

Royal Opera

CAST:

Katerina Ismailova

Eva-Maria Westbroek

Sergey

Brandon Jovanovich

Boris Ismailov

Sir John Tomlinson

Zinovy Ismailov

John Daszak

Sonyetka

Aigul Akhmetshina

Aksinya

Rosie Aldridge

Shabby Peasant

Peter Bronder

Priest

Wojtek Gierlach

Police Inspector

Mikhail Svetlov

Teacher

Thomas Atkins

Old Convict
Female Convict
Steward/Sentry
Coachman/Second Workman
Porter

Paata Burchuladze
Miranda Keys
Simon Shibambu
Hubert Francis
Jonathan Fisher

ENSEMBLE:
CHORUS:
CONDUCTOR:

Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
Sir Antonio Pappano

Approx. Length:

2 hours, 55 minutes

PROGRAM #:
RELEASE:

OS 21-08
July 31, 2021

OPERA:

Il Trovatore (in Italian)

COMPOSER:
LIBRETTO:
VENUE:
PRESENTING COMPANY:

Giuseppe Verdi
Salvatore Cammarano & Leone Emanuele Bardare
Swedish Royal Opera House, Stockholm
Swedish Royal Opera

CAST:

Manrico
Leonora
Azucena
Il conte di Luna
Ferrando
Ines
Ruiz
Un vecchio zingaro
Un messo

Jussi Björling
Hjördis Schymberg
Kerstin Meyer
Hugo Hasslo
Erik Saedén
Ingeborg Kjellgren
Olle Sivall
Bertil Alstergård
Sture Ingebretzen

ENSEMBLE:
CHORUS:
CONDUCTOR:

Swedish Royal Opera Orchestra
Swedish Royal Opera Chorus
Herbert Sandberg

Approx. Length:

2 hours, 15 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-09
RELEASE: August 7, 2021

OPERA: Elektra (in German)

COMPOSER: Richard Strauss
LIBRETTO: Hugo von Hofmannsthal
VENUE: Swedish Royal Opera House, Stockholm
PRESENTING COMPANY: Swedish Royal Opera

CAST:

Elektra	Birgit Nilsson
Klytaemnestra	Barbro Ericson
Chrysothemis	Berit Lindholm
Orest	Erik Saedén
Aegisth	Kåge Jehrlander
Orest's tutor	Erik Sundquist
Klytaemnestra's confidante	Kjerstin Dellert
Klytaemnestra's trainbearer	Maj-Lis Tollbo
Young servant	John-Erik Jacobsson
Old servant	Sven-Erik Jacobsson
An overseer	Margareta Bergström
First Maid	Ileana Peterson
Second Maid	Margot Rödin
Third Maid	Ingeborg Kjellgren
Fourth Maid	Eva Prytz
Fifth Maid	Laila Andersson

ENSEMBLE: Swedish Royal Opera Orchestra
CHORUS: Swedish Royal Opera Chorus
CONDUCTOR: Berislav Klobucar

Approx. Length: 1 hour, 55 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-10
RELEASE: August 14, 2021

OPERA: Manon (in French)

COMPOSER: Jules Massenet
LIBRETTO: Henri Meilhac & Philippe Gille
VENUE: Opéra Bastille, Paris
PRESENTING COMPANY: Opéra de Paris (Paris Opera)

CAST:

Manon
Le Chevalier des Grioux
Lescaut
Le comte des Grioux
Guillot de Morfontaine
de Brétigny
Poussette
Javotte
Rosette
Innkeeper
First Guard
Second Guard

Pretty Yende
Benjamin Bernheim
Ludovic Tézier
Roberto Tagliavini
Rodolphe Briand
Pierre Doyen
Cassandre Berthon
Alix Le Saux
Jeanne Ireland
Philippe Rouillon
Julien Joguet
Laurent Laberdesque

ENSEMBLE:

Paris Opera Orchestra

CHORUS:

Paris Opera Chorus

CHORUS DIRECTOR:

José Luís Basso

CONDUCTOR:

Dan Ettinger

Approx. Length:**3 hours, 5 minutes****PROGRAM #:****OS 21-11****RELEASE:****August 21, 2021****OPERA:****The Demon (in Russian)**

COMPOSER:

Anton Rubinstein

LIBRETTO:

Pavel Viskovatov & Mikhail Lermontov

VENUE:

Grand Théâtre, Bordeaux

PRESENTING COMPANY:

Opéra National de Bordeaux

CAST:

Old Servant of Prince Sinodal
Nanny
Prince Gudal
The Angel
Prince Sinodal
Tamara
The Demon
Messenger

Luc Bertin-Hugault
Svetlana Lifar
Alexandros Stavrakakis
Ray Chenez
Alexey Dolgov
Evgenia Muraveva
Nicolas Cavallier
Paul Gaugler

ENSEMBLE: Orchestre National Bordeaux Aquitaine
CHORUS: Chorus of the Opéra National de Bordeaux
Limoges Opera Chorus
CHORUS DIRECTOR: Salvatore Caputo
Edward Ananian-Cooper
CONDUCTOR: Paul Daniel

Approx. Length: 2 hours, 10 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-12
RELEASE: August 28, 2021

OPERA: Parsifal (in German)

COMPOSER: Richard Wagner
LIBRETTO: Richard Wagner
VENUE: Théâtre du Capitole, Toulouse
PRESENTING COMPANY: Opéra du Capitole de Toulouse

CAST:
Parsifal Nikolai Schukoff
Kundry Sophie Koch
Gurnemanz Peter Rose
Amfortas Matthias Goerne
Klingsor Pierre-Yves Pruvot
Titurel Julien Véronèse
First Flowermaiden Andreea Soare
Second Flowermaiden/First Squire Marion Tassou
Third Flowermaiden Adèle Charvet
Fourth Flowermaiden Elena Poesina
Fifth Flowermaiden Céline Laborie
Sixth Flowermaiden/Second Squire
/Voice from Heaven Juliette Mars
First Knight of the Grail Kristofer Lundin
Second Knight of the Grail Yuri Kissin
Third Squire Enguerrand de Hys
Fourth Squire François Almuzara

ENSEMBLE: Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse

CHORUS: Chorus of the Théâtre du Capitole, Toulouse
Children's Choir of the Théâtre du Capitole, Toulouse
Montpellier-Occitanie National Opera Chorus

CONDUCTOR: Frank Beermann

Approx. Length: 4 hours, 15 minutes

PROGRAM #: OS 21-13
RELEASE: September 4, 2021

OPERA: Hippolyte et Aricie (in French)

COMPOSER: Jean-Philippe Rameau
LIBRETTO: Simon-Joseph Pellegrin
VENUE: Opéra Comique, Paris
PRESENTING COMPANY: Opéra Comique

CAST:

Hippolyte	Reinoud Van Mechelen
Aricie	Elsa Benoit
Thésée	Stéphane Degout
Oenone	Séraphine Cotrez
Diane	Eugénie Lefebvre
Prêtresse de Diane, Chasseresse, Metelote, Bergère	Léa Desandre
Tisiphone	Edwin Fardini
Second Parque	Martial Pauliat
First Parque	Constantin Goubet
Mercure	Guillaume Gutiérrez

ENSEMBLE: Pygmalion Ensemble
CHORUS: Pygmalion Chorus
CONDUCTOR: Raphaël Pichon

Approx. Length: 2 hours, 35 minutes

PLEASE NOTE: *The remaining operas in the 2021 Opera Series will release in the coming months as we confirm the schedule. The second part of the Opera Series will feature American opera companies, with selections from LA Opera, Opera Southwest, and more. Please stay tuned for more information, and contact us with any questions.*