**2023 WFMT Opera Series**

Broadcast Schedule & Cast Information —Summer 2023

*Please Note: due to production considerations, duration for each production is subject to change. Please consult associated cue sheet for final cast list, timings, and more detail. Please contact* [*eusher@wfmt.com*](mailto:eusher@wfmt.com) *for more information.*

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-01

**RELEASE: June 17, 2023**

**OPERA: Fidelio**

COMPOSER: Ludwig van Beethoven

LIBRETTO: Joseph Sonnleithner/Stephan von Breuning, ed. Georg Friedrich Treitschke

VENUE: Vienna State Opera House, Vienna

PRESENTING COMPANY: Vienna State Opera

# CAST:

Florestan Brandon Jovanovich

Pizarro Jochen Schmeckenbecher

Don Fernando Martin Hässler

Leonore Anja Kampe

Rocco Christof Fischesser

Marzelline Slávka Zámečníková

Jaquino Daniel Jenz

ENSEMBLE: Vienna State Orchestra and Chorus

CONDUCTOR: Axel Kober

**Approx. Length: 2 hours, 45 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-02

**RELEASE: June 24, 2023**

**OPERA: Salome**

COMPOSER: Richard Strauss

LIBRETTO: Oscar Wilde trans. Hedwig Lachmann

VENUE: Vienna State Opera House, Vienna

PRESENTING COMPANY: Vienna State Opera

# CAST:

Herodes (Herod) Gerhard Siegel

Herodias Michaela Schuster

Salome Malin Byström

Jochanaan (John the Baptist) Wolfgang Koch

Narraboth Daniel Jenz

The Page of Herodias Patricia Nolz

First Jew Thomas Ebenstein

Second Jew Andrea Giovannini

Third Jew Carlos Osuna

Fourth Jew Katleho Mokhoabane

Fifth Jew Evgeny Solodovnikov

First Nazarene Clemens Unterreiner

Second Nazarene Attila Mokus

First Soldier Ilja Kazakov

Second Soldier Stephano Park

A Cappadocian Ferdinand Pfeiffer

A Slave Daniel Lökös

ENSEMBLE: Vienna State Opera Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: Philippe Jordan

**Approx. Length: 1 hour, 50 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-03

**RELEASE: July 1, 2023**

**OPERA: Nixon in China**

COMPOSER: John Adams

LIBRETTO: Alice Goodman

VENUE: Opéra Bastille, Paris

PRESENTING COMPANY: Opéra de Paris

# CAST:

Richard Nixon Thomas Hampson

Pat Nixon Renée Fleming

Zhou Enlai Xiaomeng Zhang

Henry Kissinger Joshua Bloom

Nancy Tang, First Secretary to Mao Yajie Zhang

Mao Zedong John Matthew Myers

Chiang Ch’ing Kathleen Kim

Second Secretary to Mao Ning Liang

Third Secretary to Mao Emanuela Pascu

ENSEMBLE: Paris Opera Orchestra and Chorus  
CHORUS DIRECTOR: Ching-Lien Wu

CONDUCTOR: Gustavo Dudamel

**Approx. Length: 3 hours**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-04

**RELEASE: July 8, 2023**

**OPERA: Il Proscritto**

COMPOSER: Saverio Mercadante

LIBRETTO: Salvadore Cammarano

PRESENTING COMPANY: Opera Rara

# CAST:

Giorgio Argyll Ramón Vargas

Arturo Murray Iván Ayón-Rivas

Malvina Douglas Irene Roberts

Odoardo Douglas Elizabeth DeShong

Anna Ruthven Sally Matthews

Guglielmo Ruthven Goderdzi Janelidze

Clara Susana Gaspar

Osvaldo Alessandro Fisher

An Officer of Cromwell Niall Anderson

ENSEMBLE: Britten Sinfonia & Opera Rara Chorus  
CHORUS DIRECTOR: Stephen Harris

CONDUCTOR: Carlo Rizzi

**Approx. Length: 2 hours, 25 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-05

**RELEASE: July 15, 2023**

**OPERA: I Lombardi alla prima crociata**

COMPOSER: Giuseppe Verdi

LIBRETTO: Temistocle Solera

VENUE: Prinzregententheater, Munich

PRESENTING COMPANY: Munich Radio Opera

# CAST:

Giselda, daughter of Arvino Nino Machaidze

Viclinda, wife of Arvino Réka Kristóf

Oronte, son of Acciano Piero Pretti

Pirro, Arvino’s squire Miklós Sebestyén

Arvino, son of Lord Folco Galeano Salas

Pagano/Hermit, son of Lord Folco Michele Pertusi

Sofia, wife of Acciano Ruth Volpert

Prior of Milan Nikolaus Pfannkuch

Acciano, ruler of Antioch Andreas Burkhart

ENSEMBLE: Munich Radio Orchestra and Bavarian Radio Chorus

CHORUS DIRECTOR: Stellario Fagone

CONDUCTOR: Ivan Repušić

**Approx. Length: 2 hours, 30 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-06

**RELEASE: July 22, 2023**

**OPERA: Wozzeck**

COMPOSER: Alban Berg

LIBRETTO: Alban Berg

VENUE: Royal Opera House, London

PRESENTING COMPANY: Royal Opera

# CAST:

Wozzeck Christian Gerhaher

Marie Anja Kampe

The Captain Peter Hoare

The Doctor Brindley Sherratt

Margret Rosie Aldridge

The Drum-Major Clay Hilley

Andres Sam Furness

ENSEMBLE: Orchestra and Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

CONDUCTOR: Sir Antonio Pappano

**Approx. Length: 1 hour, 50 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-07

**RELEASE: July 29, 2023**

**OPERA: Li zite ‘ngalera**

COMPOSER: Leonardo Vinci

LIBRETTO: Bernardo Saddumene

VENUE: Teatro alla Scala, Italy (Milan)

PRESENTING COMPANY: La Scala

# CAST:

Carlo Celmino Francesca Aspromonte

Belluccia Mariano Chiara Amarù

Ciomma Palummo Francesca Pia Vitale

Federico Mariano Filippo Morace

Meneca Vernillo Alberto Allegrezza

Titta Castagna Filippo Mineccia

Ciccariello Raffaele Pé

Col’Agnolo Antonino Siragusa

Repisto Marco Filippo Romano

Assann Matías Moncada

Na Schiavottella Fan Zhou

ENSEMBLE: La Scala Orchestra and Chorus

CONDUCTOR: Andrea Marcon

**Approx. Length: 3 hours**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-08

**RELEASE: August 5, 2023**

**OPERA: Turn of the Screw**

COMPOSER: Benjamin Britten

LIBRETTO: Myfanwy Piper

VENUE: Béla Bartók National Concert Hall, Budapest

PRESENTING COMPANY: Budapest Festival Orchestra

# CAST:

Governess Miah Persson

Mrs. Grose, the Housekeeper Laura Aikin

Peter Quint, former Manservant Andrew Staples

Miss Jessel, former Governess Allison Cook

Miles Benjamin Fletcher

Flora Lucy Barlow

ENSEMBLE: Budapest Festival Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: Iván Fischer

**Approx. Length: 1 hour, 55 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-09

**RELEASE: August 12, 2023**

**OPERA: La sonnambula**

COMPOSER: Vincenzo Bellini

LIBRETTO: Felice Romani

VENUE: Opéra Royal de Wallonie, Liège

PRESENTING COMPANY: Opéra Royal de Wallonie

# CAST:

Amina Jessica Pratt

Elvino René Barbera

Il Conte Rodolfo (Count Rodolfo) Marko Mimica

Lisa Marina Monzó

Teresa Julie Bailly

Alessio Ugo Rabec

Un Notaro (Solicitor) Benoît Delvaux

ENSEMBLE: Orchestra and Chorus of the Opéra Royal de Wallonie

CONDUCTOR: Giampaolo Bisanti

**Approx. Length: 2 hours, 35 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-10

**RELEASE: August 19, 2023**

**OPERA: Manon**

COMPOSER: Jules Massenet

LIBRETTO: Henri Meilhac and Philippe Gille

VENUE: Gran Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona

PRESENTING COMPANY: Gran Teatre del Liceu Opera

# CAST:

Manon Lescault Amina Edris

Le Chevalier des Grieux Pene Pati

Lescaut, Manon’s Cousin Jarrett Ott

Le Comte des Grieux Jean-Vincent Blot

Guillot de Morfontaine Albert Casals

Monsieur de Brétigny Tomeu Bibiloni

Innkeeper Pau Armengol

ENSEMBLE: Gran Teatre del Liceu Orchestra and Chorus

CHORUS DIRECTOR: Pablo Assante

CONDUCTOR: Marc Minkowski

**Approx. Length: 2 Hours and 45 Minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-11

**RELEASE: August 26, 2023**

**OPERA: L’Incoronazione di Poppea**

COMPOSER: Claudio Monteverdi

LIBRETTO: Giovanni Francesco Busenello

VENUE: Gran Teatre del Liceu

PRESENTING COMPANY: Gran Teatre del Liceu Opera

# CAST:

Nerone David Hansen

Poppea Julie Fuchs

Ottone Xavier Sabata

Seneca Nahuel Di Pierro

Liberto Josep Ramon Olivé

Lucano Thobela Ntshanyana

Valetto Natalia Labourdette

Littore Milan Perišic

Ottavia Magdalena Kožená

Drusilla Deanna Breiwick

La Fortuna (Fortune) /

Lady-in-Waiting to the Empress /

Pallade Rita Morais

Nutrice Marcel Beekman

Arnalta Emiliano Gonzales Toro

La Virtù (Virtue) Irene Mas Salom

Amore / Florie Jake Arditti

ENSEMBLE: Members of Le Concert des Nations and of Gran Teatre del Liceu Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: Jordi Savall

**Approx. Length: 3 Hours and 35 Minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-12

**RELEASE: September 2, 2023**

**OPERA: Tannhäuser**

COMPOSER: Richard Wagner

VENUE: National Centre for the Performing Arts

PRESENTING COMPANY: National Centre for the Performing Arts Opera

# CAST:

Tannhäuser Endrik Wottrich

Elisabeth Barbara Haveman

Venus Giuseppina Piunti

Wolfram von Eschenbach Markus Werba

Hermann Manfred Hemm

Walther von der Vogelweide Vicente Ombuena

Biterolf Karsten Mewes

Heinrich der Schreiber Kurt Azesberger

Reinmar von Zweter Rainer Zaun

Shepherd ZHANG Xin

ENSEMBLE: NCPA Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: LÜ Jia

**Approx. Length: 3 Hours**

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# PROGRAM #: OS 23-13

**RELEASE: September 9, 2023**

**OPERA: The Ballad of the Canal**

COMPOSER: YIN Qing

LIBRETTO: HUANG Weiruo

VENUE: National Centre for the Performing Arts

PRESENTING COMPANY: National Centre for the Performing Arts Opera

# CAST:

SHUI Honglian LEI Jia  
QIN Xiaosheng WANG Hongwei  
GUAN Yanyan WANG Li  
ZHANG Shuiyao SUN Li

ENSEMBLE: NCPA Orchestra and Chorus

CHORUS DIRECTOR: MENG Huan

CONDUCTOR: LÜ Jia

**Approx. Length: 2 Hours and 35 minutes**

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# PROGRAM #: OS 23-14

**RELEASE: September 16, 2023**

**OPERA: La Fille du Régiment**

COMPOSER: Gaetano Donizetti

# LIBRETTO: Jules-Henri Vernoy de Saint-Georges and Jean-François Bayard

VENUE: National Centre for the Performing Arts

PRESENTING COMPANY: National Centre for the Performing Arts Opera

# CAST:

Marie Sabina Puértolas

Tonio SHI Yijie

Sulpice Giovanni Romeo

La Marquise de Berkenfield Doris Lamprecht

La Duchesse de Krakenthorp Daniela Mazzuccato

Hortensius WANG Hexiang

Un Caporal ZHAO Denghui

Un Paysan MEN Hongduo

Un Notaire GUO Shuojie

ENSEMBLE: NCPA Orchestra and Chorus

CHORUS DIRECTOR: Marco Bellei

CONDUCTOR: Matteo Beltrami

**Approx. Length: 2 Hours and 15 Minutes**

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# PROGRAM #: OS 23-15

**RELEASE: September 23, 2023**

**OPERA: La fanciulla del West**

COMPOSER: Giacomo Puccini

LIBRETTO: Guelfo Civinini and Carlo Zangarini

VENUE: National Centre for the Performing Arts

PRESENTING COMPANY: National Centre for the Performing Arts Opera

# CAST:

Minnie Amarilli Nizza

Jack Rance Claudio Sgura

Dick Johnson alias Ramerrez Marco Berti

Nick KOU Jing

Ashby WANG Meng

Sonora Domenico Balzani

Trin ZHU He

Sid ENG Zhe

Bello SHANG Chunlai

Harry DU Fanyong

Joe GUO Jianchao

Happy ZHAO Denghui

Larkens ZHAO Ming

Billy DU Ang

Wowkle LIU Lu

Jake Wallace ZHANG Yang

ENSEMBLE: NCPA Orchestra and Chorus  
CHORUS DIRECTOR: Salvatore Caputo

CONDUCTOR: Andrea Battistoni

**Approx. Length: 2 Hours and 30 Minutes**

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# PROGRAM #: OS 23-16

**RELEASE: September 30, 2023**

**OPERA: Picture a Day Like This**

COMPOSER: George Benjamin

LIBRETTO: Martin Crimp

VENUE: Théâtre du Jeu de Paume, Aix-en-Provence, FR

PRESENTING COMPANY: Aix-en-Provence Festival

# CAST:

Woman Marianne Crebassa

Zabelle Anna Prohaska

Lover 1 / Composer Beate Mordal

Lover 2 / Composer’s Assistant Cameron Shahbazi

Artisan / Collector John Brancy

ENSEMBLE: Mahler Chamber Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: George Benjamin

**Approx. Length: 1 hour, 15 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-17

**RELEASE: October 7, 2023**

**OPERA: Jephtha**

COMPOSER: George Frideric Handel

LIBRETTO: Rev. Thomas Morell

VENUE: North Shore Center, Illinois

PRESENTING COMPANY: Music of the Baroque

# CAST:

Jephtha David Portillo

Iphis Lauren Snouffer

Storgé Clara Osowski

Hamor Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen

Angel Katelyn Lee

Zebul Neal Davies

ENSEMBLE: Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: Dame Jane Glover

**Approx. Length: TBA**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-18

**RELEASE: October 14, 2023**

**OPERA: Assassinio nella cattedrale**

COMPOSER: Ildebrando Pizzetti

LIBRETTO: T.S. Eliot

VENUE: The Chicago Temple, Chicago, IL

PRESENTING COMPANY: Opera Festival of Chicago

# CAST:

Thomas Becket Andrea Silvestrelli

First Coryphée Maria Kanyova

Second Coryphée Anna Laurenzo

First Knight/Tempter Reuben Lillie

Second Knight/Tempter William Powell III

Third Knight/Tempter Patrick Blackwell

Fourth Knight/Tempter Eric Dubin

First Priest Michael Rivera

Second Priest Jeff Ray

Third Priest Frank DeVincentis

Herald André De Mesquita

ENSEMBLE: Opera Festival of Chicago Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: Emanuele Andrizzi

**Approx. Length: 1 hour, 40 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-19

**RELEASE: October 21, 2023**

**OPERA: Attila**

COMPOSER: Giuseppe Verdi

LIBRETTO: Temistocle Solera

VENUE: Cahn Auditorium, Evanston, IL

PRESENTING COMPANY: Opera Festival of Chicago

# CAST:

Attila Andrea Silvestrelli

Odabella Jenny Schuler

Ezio Franco Pomponi

Leone Patrick Blackwell

Foresto Ben Gulley

Uldino Reuben Lillie

ENSEMBLE: Opera Festival of Chicago Orchestra and Chorus

CONDUCTOR: Emanuele Andrizzi

**Approx. Length: 2 hours**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-20

**RELEASE: October 28, 2023**

**OPERA: Le comte Ory**

COMPOSER: Gioachino Rossini

LIBRETTO: Eugène Scribe and Charles-Gaspard Delestre-Poirson

VENUE: National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM

PRESENTING COMPANY: Opera Southwest

# CAST:

Count Ory  Christopher Bozeka  
Tutor  Tim Mix  
Isolier  Amanda Crider  
Raimbaud  Matthew Hanscom  
Countess Adèle  Lindsay Ohse  
Ragonde  Laurel Semerdjian  
Alice  Mary Brzezinski

ENSEMBLE: Opera Southwest Orchestra and Chorus

CONDUCTOR: Anthony Barrese

**Approx. Length: 2 hours, 30 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-21

**RELEASE: November 4, 2023**

**OPERA: Zorro**

COMPOSER: Héctor Armienta

LIBRETTO: Héctor Armienta

VENUE: National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM

PRESENTING COMPANY: Opera Southwest

# CAST:

Zorro  César Delgado  
Carlotta de Obragón  Stephanie Sanchez  
Ana Maria  Laura León  
Géneral Moncada  Octavio Moreno  
Toypurina  Olga Perez Flora  
Sergeant José Maria Gomez  Javier Ortiz  
Luisa  Laura Soto-Bayomi

ENSEMBLE: Opera Southwest Orchestra and Chorus

CONDUCTOR: Anthony Barrese

**Approx. Length: 2 hours**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-22

**RELEASE: November 11, 2023**

**OPERA: Der fliegende Holländer  
 (The Flying Dutchman)**

COMPOSER: Richard Wagner

LIBRETTO: Richard Wagner

VENUE: Bayreuth Festival Theatre, DE

PRESENTING COMPANY: Bayreuth Festival

# CAST:

Daland, a Norwegian sea captain Georg Zeppenfeld

Senta, Daland's daughter Elisabeth Teige

Erik, a huntsman Tomislav Mužek

Mary, Senta's nurse Nadine Weissmann

Daland's steersman Attilio Glaser

The Dutchman Michael Volle

ENSEMBLE: Bayreuth Festival Orchestra and Chorus

CONDUCTOR: Oksana Lyniv

**Approx. Length: 2 hour, 30 minutes**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-23

**RELEASE: November 18, 2023**

**OPERA: Marc’Antonio e Cleopatra**

COMPOSER: Johann Adolph Hasse

LIBRETTO: Francesco Ricciardi

VENUE: Jarvis Opera Hall, Illinois

PRESENTING COMPANY: Haymarket Opera Company

# CAST:

Cleopatra Kangmin Justin Kim

Marc’Antonio Lauren Decker

Roman Soldier Jon Beal

Lady-in-Waiting to Cleopatra 1 Kali Benz

Lady-in-Waiting to Cleopatra 2 Julie Brumfiel

ENSEMBLE: Haymarket Opera Orchestra

CONDUCTOR: Craig Trompeter

**Approx. Length: TBA**

***Please Note:*** *Hasse's original cast took opposite gender roles with Carlo Broschi, the famous castrato, singing Cleopatra, and the renowned contralto Vittoria Tesi Tramontini singing Marc'Antonio. In keeping with the original gender-fluid casting, Haymarket's cast features countertenor Kangmin Justin Kim as Queen Cleopatra and contralto Lauren Decker in the role of Mark Antony.*

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-24

**RELEASE: November 25, 2023**

**OPERA: Pelléas et Mélisande**

COMPOSER: Claude Debussy

LIBRETTO: Adapted from a play by Maurice Maeterlinck

VENUE: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles, CA

PRESENTING COMPANY: LA Opera

# CAST:

Pelléas Will Liverman

Mélisande Sydney Mancasola

Golaud Kyle Ketelsen

King Arkel Ferruccio Furlanetto

Geneviève Susan Graham  
Yniold Kai Edgar

A Physician Patrick Blackwell

ENSEMBLE: LA Opera Orchestra and Chorus

CONDUCTOR: James Conlon

**Approx. Length: TBA**

# PROGRAM #: OS 23-25

**RELEASE: December 2, 2023**

**OPERA: Omar**

COMPOSER: Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels

LIBRETTO: Rhiannon Giddens

VENUE: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles, CA

PRESENTING COMPANY: LA Opera

# CAST:

Omar James McCorkle

Fatima, Omar’s Mother Amanda Lynn Bottoms

Johnson / Owen Daniel Okulitch

Julie Jacqueline Echols

Auctioneer / Taylor Barry Banks  
Eliza, Owen’s Daughter Deepa Johnny

Katie Ellen Briana Hunter

Abdul, Omar’s Brother Norman Garrett

Abe Alan Williams

Amadou Ashley Faatoalia

Olufemi Cedric Berry

Suleiman Patrick Blackwell

Principal Dancer Jermaine McGhee

ENSEMBLE: LA Opera Orchestra and Chorus

CONDUCTOR: Kazem Abdullah

**Approx. Length: 3 hours**