

**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 [usher@wfmt.com](mailto:usher@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 Zámečnicková  
Jaquino Daniel Jenz

**ENSEMBLE:** Vienna State Orchestra and Chorus  
**CONDUCTOR:** Axel Kober

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

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**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  
Salome  
Jochanaan (John the Baptist)  
Narraboth  
The Page of Herodias  
First Jew  
Second Jew  
Third Jew  
Fourth Jew  
Fifth Jew  
First Nazarene  
Second Nazarene  
First Soldier  
Second Soldier  
A Cappadocian  
A Slave

Michaela Schuster  
Malin Byström  
Wolfgang Koch  
Daniel Jenz  
Patricia Nolz  
Thomas Ebenstein  
Andrea Giovannini  
Carlos Osuna  
Katlho Mokhoabane  
Evgeny Solodovnikov  
Clemens Unterreiner  
Attila Mokus  
Ilja Kazakov  
Stephano Park  
Ferdinand Pfeiffer  
Daniel Lökös

ENSEMBLE:  
CONDUCTOR:

Vienna State Opera Orchestra  
Philippe Jordan

**Approx. Length:**

**1 hour, 50 minutes**

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**PROGRAM #:**  
**RELEASE:**

**OS 23-03**  
**July 1, 2023**

**OPERA:**

**Nixon in China**

**COMPOSER:**  
**LIBRETTO:**

John Adams  
Alice Goodman

**VENUE:**  
**PRESENTING COMPANY:**

Opéra Bastille, Paris  
Opéra de Paris

**CAST:**

Richard Nixon  
Pat Nixon  
Zhou Enlai  
Henry Kissinger  
Nancy Tang, First Secretary to Mao  
Mao Zedong  
Chiang Ch'ing  
Second Secretary to Mao  
Third Secretary to Mao

Thomas Hampson  
Renée Fleming  
Xiaomeng Zhang  
Joshua Bloom  
Yajie Zhang  
John Matthew Myers  
Kathleen Kim  
Ning Liang  
Emanuela Pascu

**ENSEMBLE:**  
**CHORUS DIRECTOR:**  
**CONDUCTOR:**

Paris Opera Orchestra and Chorus  
Ching-Lien Wu  
Gustavo Dudamel

**Approx. Length:** 3 hours

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**PROGRAM #:** OS 23-04  
**RELEASE:** July 8, 2023

**OPERA:** Il Proscritto

**COMPOSER:** Saverio Mercadante  
**LIBRETTO:** Salvatore 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
Oswaldo	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

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**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  
Arvino, son of Lord Folco  
Pagano/Hermit, son of Lord Folco  
Sofia, wife of Acciano  
Prior of Milan  
Acciano, ruler of Antioch

Miklós Sebestyén  
Galeano Salas  
Michele Pertusi  
Ruth Volpert  
Nikolaus Pfannkuch  
Andreas Burkhart

ENSEMBLE:  
CHORUS DIRECTOR:  
CONDUCTOR:

Munich Radio Orchestra and Bavarian Radio Chorus  
Stellario Fagone  
Ivan Repušić

**Approx. Length:**

**2 hours, 30 minutes**

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**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  
Marie  
The Captain  
The Doctor  
Margret  
The Drum-Major  
Andres

Christian Gerhaer  
Anja Kampe  
Peter Hoare  
Brindley Sherratt  
Rosie Aldridge  
Clay Hilley  
Sam Furness

**ENSEMBLE:**

Orchestra and Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

**CONDUCTOR:**

Sir Antonio Pappano

**Approx. Length:**

**1 hour, 50 minutes**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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

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**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**

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**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 Perišić

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**

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**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 Mazzucato
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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<b>PROGRAM #:</b>	<b>OS 23-16</b>
<b>RELEASE:</b>	<b>September 30, 2023</b>

<b>OPERA:</b>	<b>Picture a Day Like This</b>
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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**

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**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**

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**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:  
CONDUCTOR:

Opera Festival of Chicago Orchestra  
Emanuele Andrizzi

**Approx. Length:**

**1 hour, 40 minutes**

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**PROGRAM #:**  
**RELEASE:**

**OS 23-19**  
**October 21, 2023**

**OPERA:**

**Attila**

COMPOSER:  
LIBRETTO:

Giuseppe Verdi  
Temistocle Solera

VENUE:  
PRESENTING COMPANY:

Cahn Auditorium, Evanston, IL  
Opera Festival of Chicago

**CAST:**

Attila  
Odabella  
Ezio  
Leone  
Foresto  
Uldino

Andrea Silvestrelli  
Jenny Schuler  
Franco Pomponi  
Patrick Blackwell  
Ben Gulley  
Reuben Lillie

ENSEMBLE:  
CONDUCTOR:

Opera Festival of Chicago Orchestra and Chorus  
Emanuele Andrizzi

**Approx. Length:**

**2 hours**

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**PROGRAM #:**  
**RELEASE:**

**OS 23-20**  
**October 28, 2023**

**OPERA:**

**Le comte Ory**

COMPOSER:  
LIBRETTO:

Gioachino Rossini  
Eugène Scribe and Charles-Gaspard Delestre-Poirson

VENUE:  
PRESENTING COMPANY:

National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM  
Opera Southwest

**CAST:**

Count Ory  
Tutor  
Isolier  
Raimbaud

Christopher Bozeka  
Tim Mix  
Amanda Crider  
Matthew Hanscom

Countess Adèle  
Ragonde  
Alice

Lindsay Ohse  
Laurel Semerdjian  
Mary Brzezinski

ENSEMBLE:  
CONDUCTOR:

Opera Southwest Orchestra and Chorus  
Anthony Barrese

**Approx. Length:**

**2 hours, 30 minutes**

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**PROGRAM #:**  
**RELEASE:**

**OS 23-21**  
**November 4, 2023**

**OPERA:**

**Zorro**

COMPOSER:  
LIBRETTO:

Héctor Armienta  
Héctor Armienta

VENUE:  
PRESENTING COMPANY:

National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM  
Opera Southwest

**CAST:**

Zorro  
Carlotta de Obragón  
Ana Maria  
Général Moncada  
Toypurina  
Sergeant José Maria Gomez  
Luisa  
ENSEMBLE:  
CONDUCTOR:

César Delgado  
Stephanie Sanchez  
Laura León  
Octavio Moreno  
Olga Perez Flora  
Javier Ortiz  
Laura Soto-Bayomi  
Opera Southwest Orchestra and Chorus  
Anthony Barrese

**Approx. Length:**

**2 hours**

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**PROGRAM #:**  
**RELEASE:**

**OS 23-22**  
**November 11, 2023**

**OPERA:**

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

COMPOSER:  
LIBRETTO:

Richard Wagner  
Richard Wagner

VENUE:  
PRESENTING COMPANY:

Bayreuth Festival Theatre, DE  
Bayreuth Festival

**CAST:**

Daland, a Norwegian sea captain  
Senta, Daland's daughter

Georg Zeppenfeld  
Elisabeth Teige

Erik, a huntsman  
Mary, Senta's nurse  
Daland's steersman  
The Dutchman

Tomislav Mužek  
Nadine Weissmann  
Attilio Glaser  
Michael Volle

ENSEMBLE:  
CONDUCTOR:

Bayreuth Festival Orchestra and Chorus  
Oksana Lyniv

**Approx. Length:**

**2 hour, 30 minutes**

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**PROGRAM #:**  
**RELEASE:**

**OS 23-23**  
**November 18, 2023**

**OPERA:**

**Marc' Antonio e Cleopatra**

COMPOSER:  
LIBRETTO:

Johann Adolph Hasse  
Francesco Ricciardi

VENUE:  
PRESENTING COMPANY:

Jarvis Opera Hall, Illinois  
Haymarket Opera Company

**CAST:**

Cleopatra  
Marc' Antonio  
Roman Soldier  
Lady-in-Waiting to Cleopatra 1  
Lady-in-Waiting to Cleopatra 2

Kangmin Justin Kim  
Lauren Decker  
Jon Beal  
Kali Benz  
Julie Brumfiel

ENSEMBLE:  
CONDUCTOR:

Haymarket Opera Orchestra  
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.*

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**PROGRAM #:**  
**RELEASE:**

**OS 23-24**  
**November 25, 2023**

**OPERA:**

**Pelléas et Mélisande**

COMPOSER:  
LIBRETTO:

Claude Debussy  
Adapted from a play by Maurice Maeterlinck

VENUE:  
PRESENTING COMPANY:

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles, CA  
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

<b>Approx. Length:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
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<b>PROGRAM #:</b>	<b>OS 23-25</b>
<b>RELEASE:</b>	<b>December 2, 2023</b>

<b>OPERA:</b>	<b>Omar</b>
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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

<b>Approx. Length:</b>	<b>3 hours</b>
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