

2023 WFMT Opera Series (Part 1)
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 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

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)
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

Gerhard Siegel
Michaela Schuster
Malin Byström
Wolfgang Koch
Daniel Jenz
Patricia Nolz
Thomas Ebenstein
Andrea Giovannini
Carlos Osuna
Katleho 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

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

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

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

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
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

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

ENSEMBLE:
CHORUS DIRECTOR:
CONDUCTOR:

Munich Radio Orchestra and Bavarian Radio Chorus
Stellarario Fagone
Ivan Repušić

Approx. Length:

2 hours, 30 minutes

PROGRAM #:
RELEASE:

OS 23-06
July 22, 2023

OPERA:

Wozzeck

COMPOSER:
LIBRETTO:

Alban Berg
Alban Berg

VENUE:
PRESENTING COMPANY:

Royal Opera House, London
Royal Opera

CAST:

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

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

ENSEMBLE:
CONDUCTOR:

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

Approx. Length:

TBA

PROGRAM #:
RELEASE:

OS 23-07
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 Palumbo	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: TBA

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: TBA

PROGRAM #: OS 23-12
RELEASE: September 2, 2023

OPERA: William Tell

COMPOSER: Gioachino Rossini
LIBRETTO: Victor-Joseph Étienne de Jouy and L. F. Bis

VENUE: National Centre for the Performing Arts
PRESENTING COMPANY: National Centre for the Performing Arts Opera

CAST:

William Tell	Giovanni Meoni
Arnold	Antonino Siragusa
Matilde	SONG Yuanming
Gualtiero Farst	Roberto Scandiuzzi
Melchthal	GUAN Zhijing
Ruodi	SHI Yijie
Jemmy	LI Xintong
Edwige	WANG Hongyao
Gessler	MEI Jie
Rodolfo	WANG Chong

ENSEMBLE: NCPA Orchestra
CONDUCTOR: LÜ Jia

Approx. Length: TBA

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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	WANG Lida / WANG Zhe
QIN Xiaosheng	WANG Hongwei / WANG Zenan
GUAN Yanyan	WANG Li / JIN Tingting
ZHANG Shuiyao	SUN Li / WANG Hexiang

ENSEMBLE: NCPA Orchestra and Chorus
CHORUS DIRECTOR: MENG Huan
CONDUCTOR: LÜ Jia

Approx. Length: TBA

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PROGRAM #: OS 23-14
RELEASE: September 16, 2023

OPERA: Otello

COMPOSER: Giuseppe Verdi
LIBRETTO: Arrigo Boito

VENUE: National Centre for the Performing Arts
PRESENTING COMPANY: National Centre for the Performing Arts Opera

CAST: TBC
Otello Gustavo Porta / WEI Song
Desdemona Lana Kos / ZHANG Liping
Iago John Lundgren / ZHANG Feng
Cassio WANG Chuanyue / LI Yi
Lodovico GUAN Zhijing
Roderigo JIN Zhengjian
Montano MEI Jie
Herald ZHAO Ming

ENSEMBLE: NCPA Orchestra and Chorus
CHORUS DIRECTOR: Matteo Salvemini
CONDUCTOR: LÜ Jia

Approx. Length: TBA

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PROGRAM #: OS 23-15
RELEASE: September 23, 2023

OPERA: Tannhäuser

COMPOSER: Richard Wagner
LIBRETTO: Richard Wagner

VENUE: National Centre for the Performing Arts
PRESENTING COMPANY: National Centre for the Performing Arts Opera

CAST: **TBC**
Tannhäuser Endrik Wottrich / Warren Mok
Elizabeth Barbara Haveman / SUN Xiuwei
Venus Giuseppina Piunti / ZHU Huiling
Wolfram von Eschenbach Markus Werba / YUAN Chenye
Hermann Manfred Hemm / WEI Wu
Walther von der Vogelweide Vicente Ombuena / WANG Chong
Biterolf Karsten Mewes
Heinrich der Screiber Kurt Azesberger
Reinmar von Zweter Rainer Zaun
Shepherd ZHANG Xin

ENSEMBLE: NCPA Orchestra and Chorus
CHORUS DIRECTOR: Valentin Vassilev
CONDUCTOR: LÜ Jia

Approx. Length: **TBA**

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