

**2026 WFMT Opera Series**  
**Broadcast Schedule & Cast Information —Summer 2026**  
**(Part 1)**

*Please Note: due to production considerations, the duration for each production is subject to change. Please consult the associated cue sheet for final cast list, timings, and more details.*

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-01  
**RELEASE:** June 6, 2026

**OPERA:** The Bartered Bride

**COMPOSER:** Bedřich Smetana  
**VENUE:** Vienna State Opera, Vienna, Austria

**CAST:**

Krušina	Franz Xaver Schlecht
Ludmila	Margaret Plummer
Mařenka	Slávka Zámečnicková
Mícha	Ivo Stanchev
Háta	Monika Bohinec
Jeník	Pavol Breslik
Vašek	Michael Laurenz
Kecal	Peter Kellner
Director of the Comedians	Matthäus Schmidlechner
Esmeralda	Ilia Staple
Comedian	Alex Ilvakhin

**ENSEMBLE:** Vienna State Opera Orchestra & Chorus  
**CONDUCTOR:** Tomáš Hanus

**Approx. Length:** 2 hours, 45 minutes  
Sung in German

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-02  
**RELEASE:** June 13, 2026

**OPERA:** Fidelio

**COMPOSER:** Ludwig van Beethoven  
**VENUE:** Vienna State Opera, Vienna, Austria

**CAST:**

Don Fernando	Simonas Strazdas
Don Pizarro	Christopher Maltman
Florestan	David Butt Philip
Leonore	Malin Byström
Rocco	Tareq Nazmi

Marzelline  
Jaquino  
First Prisoner  
Second Prisoner

Kathrin Zukowski  
Daniel Jenz  
Daniel Lökös  
Panajotis Pratsos

ENSEMBLE:  
CONDUCTOR:

Vienna State Opera Orchestra & Chorus  
Franz Welser-Möst

**Approx. Length:** **2 hours, 27 minutes**  
Sung in German

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**PROGRAM:** **OS 26-03**  
**RELEASE:** **June 20, 2026**

**OPERA:** **Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk**

COMPOSER: Dmitri Shostakovich  
VENUE: Teatro all Scala, Milan, Italy

CAST:  
Boris Timofeyevich Izmaylov Alexander Roslavets  
Katerina Lvovna Izmaylova Sara Jakubiak  
Sergey Najmiddin Mavlyanov  
Shabby Peasant Alexander Kravets  
Priest Valery Gilmanov  
Zinovy Borisovich Izmaylov Evgeny Akimov  
Steward Jiří Rajniš  
Chief of Police Oleg Budaratskiy  
Aksinya Ekaterina Sannikova  
Sonetka Elena Maximova

ENSEMBLE: La Scala Orchestra & Chorus  
CONDUCTOR: Riccardo Chailly

**Approx. Length:** **2 hours, 55 minutes**  
Sung in Russian

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**PROGRAM:** **OS 26-04**  
**RELEASE:** **June 27, 2026**

**OPERA:** **Ariodante**

COMPOSER: George Frideric Handel  
VENUE: Paris Opera, Paris, France

CAST:  
Ariodante Cecilia Molinari  
Il Re di Scozia Luca Tittoto

Ginevra  
Dalinda  
Lurcanio  
Polinesso  
Odoardo

Jacquelyn Stucker  
Sabine Devieille  
Ru Charlesworth  
Christophe Dumaux  
Enrico Casari

ENSEMBLE: Pygmalion Ensemble; Paris Opera Chorus  
CONDUCTOR: Raphaël Pichon

**Approx. Length:** **3 hours, 28 minutes**  
Sung in Italian

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**PROGRAM:** **OS 26-05**  
**RELEASE:** **July 4, 2026**

**OPERA:** **Aida**

COMPOSER: Giuseppe Verdi  
VENUE: Paris Opera, Paris, France

CAST:  
Aida Saioa Hernández  
Radamès Piotr Beczała  
Amneris Eve-Maud Hubeaux  
Amonasro Roman Burdenko  
Ramfis Alexander Köpeczi  
Il Re Krzysztof Bączyk  
Un messagiero Manase Latu  
Sacerdotessa Margarita Polonskaya

ENSEMBLE: Paris Opera Orchestra & Chorus  
CONDUCTOR: Michele Mariotti

**Approx. Length:** **2 hours, 45 minutes**  
Sung in Italian

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**PROGRAM:** **OS 26-06**  
**RELEASE:** **July 11, 2026**

**OPERA:** **The Makropulos Affair**

COMPOSER: Leoš Janáček  
VENUE: Royal Ballet & Opera, London, England

CAST:  
Emilia Marty Aušrinė Stundytė  
Albert Gregor Sean Panikkar  
Baron Jaroslav Prus Johan Reuter  
Dr. Kolenatý Henry Waddington

Vítek Peter Hoare  
Janek Daniel Matoušek  
Count Hauk-Šendorf Alan Oke  
Kristina Heather Engebretson

ENSEMBLE: Chorus & Orchestra of The Royal Opera  
CONDUCTOR: Jakub Hrůša

**Approx. Length:** **1 hour, 54 minutes**  
Sung in Czech

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-07  
**RELEASE:** July 18, 2026

**OPERA:** **Boris Godunov**

COMPOSER: Modest Mussorgsky  
VENUE: Royal Ballet & Opera, London, England

CAST:  
Boris Godunov Sir Bryn Terfel  
Pimen Adam Pařka  
Andrei Shchelkalov Andrei Kymach  
Grigory Otrepiev Jamez McCorkle  
Prince Shuisky John Daszak

ENSEMBLE: Chorus & Orchestra of The Royal Opera  
CONDUCTOR: Mark Wigglesworth

**Approx. Length:** **2 hours, 24 minutes**  
Sung in Russian

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-08  
**RELEASE:** July 25, 2026

**OPERA:** **The Marriage of Figaro**

COMPOSER: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
VENUE: Glyndebourne Festival Opera, Glyndebourne, England

CAST:  
Figaro Tommaso Barea  
Susanna Johanna Wallroth  
Count Huw Montague Rendall  
Countess Louise Alder  
Bartolo Alessandro Corbelli  
Marcellina Madeleine Shaw  
Cherubino Adèle Charvet

ENSEMBLE: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment  
CONDUCTOR: Riccardo Minasi

**Approx. Length:** 2 hours, 38 minutes  
Sung in Italian

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-09  
**RELEASE:** August 1, 2026

**OPERA:** The Elixir of Love

COMPOSER: Gaetano Donizetti  
VENUE: Gran Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona, Spain

CAST:  
Adina Pretty Yende  
Nemorino Michael Spyres  
Belcore Jan Antem  
Dulcamara Fabio Capitanucci  
Giannetta Núria Vilà

ENSEMBLE: Gran Teatre del Liceu Orchestra & Chorus  
CONDUCTOR: Diego Matheuz

**Approx. Length:** 2 hours, 38 minutes  
Sung in Italian

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-10  
**RELEASE:** August 8, 2026

**OPERA:** Pelléas et Mélisande

COMPOSER: Claude Debussy  
VENUE: Teatro alla Scala, Milan, Italy

CAST:  
Pelléas Bernard Richter  
Mélisande Sara Blanch  
Golaud Simon Keenlyside  
Geneviève Marie-Nicole Lemieux  
Arkel John Relyea

ENSEMBLE: La Scala Orchestra & Chorus  
CONDUCTOR: Maxime Pascal

**Approx. Length:** 2 hours, 55 minutes  
Sung in French

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-11  
**RELEASE:** August 15, 2026

**OPERA:** Faust

**COMPOSER:** Charles Gounod  
**VENUE:** Bavarian State Opera, Munich, Germany

**CAST:**  
Faust Jonathan Tetelman  
Méphistophélès Kyle Ketelsen  
Marguerite Olga Kulchynska  
Valentin Florian Sempey  
Wagner Thomas Mole  
Siebel Emily Sierra  
Marthe Schwerdtlein Dshamilja Kaiser

**ENSEMBLE:** Bavarian State Orchestra & Chorus  
**CONDUCTOR:** Nathalie Stutzmann

**Approx. Length:** 3 hours, 9 minutes  
Sung in French

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-12  
**RELEASE:** August 22, 2026

**OPERA:** Luisa Miller

**COMPOSER:** Giuseppe Verdi  
**VENUE:** Vienna State Opera, Vienna, Austria

**CAST:**  
Graf von Walter Roberto Tagliavini  
Rodolfo Freddie De Tommaso  
Federica Daria Sushkova  
Wurm Marko Mimica  
Miller George Petean  
Luisa Nadine Sierra

**ENSEMBLE:** Vienna State Opera Orchestra & Chorus  
**CONDUCTOR:** Michele Mariotti

**Approx. Length:** 2 hours, 40 minutes  
Sung in Italian

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**PROGRAM:** OS 26-13  
**RELEASE:** August 29, 2026

**OPERA:****Die Fledermaus**

COMPOSER:

Johann Strauss II

VENUE:

Vienna State Opera, Vienna, Austria

CAST:

Gabriel von Eisenstein

Jonas Kaufmann

Rosalinde

Diana Damrau

Frank

Jochen Schmeckenbecher

Prinz Orlofsky

Daria Sushkova

Alfred

Jörg Schneider

Dr. Falke

Adrian Eröd

Dr. Blind

Lukas Schmidt

Adele

Ilia Staple

Ida

Hannah-Theres Weigl

Frosch

Michael Niavarani

ENSEMBLE:

Vienna State Opera Orchestra &amp; Chorus

CONDUCTOR:

Markus Poschner

**Approx. Length:****3 hours, 38 minutes**

Sung in German

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*\*All programs, repertoire, and artists are subject to change.*

*\*Part 2 of the Opera Series, beginning Saturday, September 5, will be announced by July 1, 2026.*