



De Munt
La Monnaie



Hamlet

OPERA IN FIVE ACTS BY AMBROISE THOMAS

OPERA 2013

HDTV

Libretto by Michel Carré and Jules Barbier
based on William Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*

Musical direction: Marc Minkowski

Director: Olivier Py

FILMED AT Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie /
de Munt – Brussels

IN December 2013

TV DIRECTOR Stéphane Vérité

RUNNING TIME 1x166'

Oxymore
PRODUCTIONS

mezzo



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ARTISTIC INFORMATION

SYNOPSIS

The famous story of Hamlet and Ophelia is played out between the opposite poles of real and feigned madness, love and avenge. After the murder of his father, Hamlet opposes the marriage of his mother and his uncle, at the expense of his beloved and himself. When Ambroise Thomas chose Shakespeare's Hamlet as the subject of his new opera, France had been under the spell of the English bard for many years, and Ophelia had inspired romantic artists. The librettists Carré and Barbier distilled a straightforward story from Shakespeare's abundant characters and situations, which, although it was clearly far removed from the original, inspired Thomas to write a coherent score that demonstrated his mastery of musical atmosphere. After their unanimously acclaimed *Les Huguenots* in 2011, Marc Minkowski and Olivier Py are continuing their highly personal exploration of the 19th century French Grand Opéra repertoire.

PERFORMERS

Claudius Vincent Le Texier
Queen Gertrude Sylvie Brunet-Grupposo
Hamlet Stéphane Degout
Polonius Till Fechner
Ophélie Lenneke Ruiten
Laërte Rémy Mathieu
Horatio / First gravedigger Henk Neven
Marcellus / Second gravedigger Gijs Van der Linden
Ghost of the late King Jérôme Varnier
La Monnaie / de Munt Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

ARTISTIC STAFF

Musical direction Marc Minkowski

Director: Olivier Py | **Rehearsals of the staging:** Andreas Zimmermann | **Set design & costumes:** Pierre-André Weitz | **Light:** Bertrand Killy | **Chorus direction:** Martino Faggiani

PRODUCTION

PRODUCTION COMPANIES Oxymore, La Monnaie / de Munt, in association with Mezzo and the support of the CNC

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER Jean-Romain Sales

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