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Stradella

CÉSAR FRANCK

OPERA 2012

Music by César Franck
Libretto by Emile Deschamps and Emilien Pacini
Orchestred by Luc Van Hove
Musical Direction Paolo Arrivabeni

HDTV

FILMED AT Opéra Royal de Wallonie
IN September 2012
TV DIRECTOR Frédéric Caillierez
RUNNING TIME 1 x 122'

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ARTISTIC INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

On September 19th 2012, Liège, the economic and cultural centre of Wallonia, reopened its Opera house, anchoring one of Europe's most important Operas in modernity.

The season opens with Stradella, the uncompleted work of the youth of the composer César Franck, who was born and raised in Liège, the 1842 manuscript of which was found in the National Library of France in 1984. The world's first production is therefore being performed at the Royal Opera House of Wallonia, orchestrated by Luc Van Hove and directed by the film maker Jaco Van Dormael (Le huitième jour, Toto le héros).

Stradella belongs to the admirable body of humanist works, in the same mould as Liszt. Franck has the ability to take classical structures and to enlarge and refresh them. He has left a major vocal work, with the voice as the common denominator between the two instruments he plays: the piano and the organ.

PERFORMERS

Marc Laho	<i>Stradella</i>
Isabelle Kabatu	<i>Leonore</i>
Werner Van Mechelen	<i>Spadoni</i>
Philippe Rouillon	<i>The Duke</i>
Xavier Rouillon	<i>Pietro</i>
Giovanni Iovino	<i>Michael</i>
Patrick Mignon	<i>Beppo</i>
Roger Joakim	<i>An Officier</i>

Orchestre Chœurs et Maîtrise de l'Opéra Royal de Wallonie

ARTISTIC STAFF

Musical Direction Paolo Arrivabeni

Staging Jaco Van Dormael | **Sets** Vincent Lemaire |

Costumes Olivier Beriot | **Lighting** Nicolas Olivier |

Chorus master Marcel Seminara

LANGUAGE VO English | **LANGUAGES / ST** French |

PRODUCTION

PRODUCTION COMPANIES

ARTE, OxyMore, the Royal Opera House of Wallonia, Jim & Jules, with the participation of RTBF and the support of CNC |

ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS Antoine Perset – Denis Morlière |

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