

UNITEL and CLASSICA present

RICHARD WAGNER

DER
RING
DES NIBELUNGEN

PALAU DE LES ARTS REINA SOFÍA
VALENCIA

LA FURA DELS BAUS
ZUBIN MEHTA

DAS RHEINGOLD

DIE WALKÜRE

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"This production quite possibly shows us the path that musical theater will be taking in the future" (Die Zeit). Indeed, the Spanish city of Valencia is setting new accents in 21st-century opera not only with its spectacular, futuristic opera house, the Palau de les Arts "Reina Sofia" designed by Santiago Calatrava, but also with the visually transfixing production of Wagner's "Ring" staged there by Carlus Padrissa and his theater group La Fura dels Baus. The Barcelona-based Fura became known internationally when it designed and carried out the opening ceremonies of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, and made its breakthrough in the classical world with its production of Berlioz's "La damnation de Faust" at the 1999 Salzburg Festival.

The Fura's trademark is its spellbinding fusion of movement, sound, music, dance, acrobatics and technology into unforgettable stage events of sometimes raw but always captivating power. In the world of opera, the ensemble has defined its personal style through its exploitation of large-screen projections, the extraordinary mobility of the performers, and the magical use of human beings to create organic structures that evoke

objects such as Valhalla (in this "Ring" production). Indeed, La Fura was predestined for Wagner's visionary world: his dream of a Gesamtkunstwerk becomes reality as a shape-shifting sequence of tableaux unfolds before our eyes with all the elements that constitute the "lenguaje furero" or "Fura idiom".

Eminent conductor Zubin Mehta leads world-class Wagner singers such as Matti Salminen, Peter Seiffert, Juha Uusitalo, Jennifer Wilson and Lance Ryan. Most prominent among the younger cast members are Jennifer Wilson, a "singer we'll be hearing more of" (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung) and Juha Uusitalo, whom the F.A.Z. hailed as a new "Number One among the opera gods". Equally outstanding is the Orquesta de la Comunitat Valenciana, one of the "youngest and best opera orchestras in Europe" (Opernglas), playing "with rapturous beauty under Zubin Mehta. [...] The suppleness, rhythmic presence and singer-friendly dynamic that Mehta achieves with this orchestra are nothing less than miraculous" (F.A.Z.).

In addition UNITEL offers a "Making of" to each of the four Ring operas, as well as documentaries on set designer Roland Olbeter, video designer Franc Aleu and director Carlus Padrissa.

With this Ring from Valencia UNITEL continues its cycles of Ring productions begun with the "Centennial Ring" of Patrice Chéreau and Pierre Boulez of the late 70s/early 80s, and followed by the Harry Kupfer/Daniel Barenboim production of the early 90s, both in Bayreuth.

STEGGERFED

GOETTERDÄMMERUNG



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Conducted by
ZUBIN MEHTA

Orchestra
ORQUESTRA DE LA COMUNITAT VALENCIANA

Chorus
COR DE LA GENERALITAT VALENCIANA

Staged by
LA FURA DELS BAUS

Stage Director
CARLUS PADRISSA

Video Creator
FRANC ALEU

Stage Design
ROLAND OLBETER

Costume Design
CHU UROZ

Video Director
TIZIANO MANCINI

A production of UNITEL and
PALAU DE LES ARTS "REINA SOFÍA" Valencia
Intendant: Helga Schmidt
in co-production with CLASSICA
in cooperation with ZDF/3sat and ZDFtheaterkanal

shot in HDTV 1080

DAS RHEINGOLD (167')

Wotan **JUHA UUSITALO** Loge **JOHN DASZAK**
Alberich **FRANZ-JOSEF KAPELTMANN**
Fasolt **MATTI SALMINEN** Fafner **STEPHEN MILLING**
Fricka **ANNA LARSSON** Erda **CHRISTA MAYER**

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DIE WALKÜRE (243')

Sigmund **PETER SEIFFERT** Hunding **MATTI SALMINEN**
Wotan **JUHA UUSITALO** Sieglinde **PETRA MARIA SCHNITZER**
Brünnhilde **JENNIFER WILSON** Fricka **ANNA LARSSON**

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SIEGFRIED (256')

Siegfried **LANCE RYAN** Brünnhilde **JENNIFER WILSON**
The Wanderer **JUHA UUSITALO** Mime **GERHARD SIEGEL**
Alberich **FRANZ-JOSEF KAPELTMANN**
Erda **CATHERINE WYN-ROGERS**

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GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG (286')

Siegfried **LANCE RYAN** Gunther **RALF LUKAS**
Hagen **MATTI SALMINEN** Alberich **FRANZ-JOSEF KAPELTMANN**
Brünnhilde **JENNIFER WILSON** Guttrune **ELISABETE MATOS**
Waltraute **CATHERINE WYN-ROGERS**

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THE MAKING OF THE RING (4x27')

Das Rheingold Die Walküre Siegfried Götterdämmerung

PORTRAITS

Carlus Padrissa (17') Franc Aleu (16') Roland Olbeter (46')




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