Stradella

CÉSAR FRANCK

--- OPERA 2012 ---

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

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

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................................................................. Stradella
Isabelle Kabatu ....................................................... Leonore
Werner Van Mechelen .............................................. Spadoni
Philippe Rouillon .................................................... The Duke
Xavier Rouillon ..................................................... Pietro
Giovanni Iovino ........................................................ Michael
Patrick Mignon ........................................................ Beppo
Roger Joakim ......................................................... An Officier

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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