World premiere by the Opera de Lyon in association with the Mariinsky Theatre, St Petersburg

Libretto by Robert Badinter based on the novel by Victor Hugo “Claude Gueux”

Claude
THIERRY ESCAICH / ROBERT BADINTER

OPERA de Lyon

FILMED AT Opéra de Lyon
IN April 2013
TV DIRECTOR Vincent Massip
RUNNING TIME 1x90’
SYNOPSIS

Inspired by Claude Gueux by Hugo, the story of Claude by Robert Badinter and Thierry Escaich deviates slightly from the original. This Claude actually existed, as testified by the legal archives of Troyes studied by Robert Badinter. Claude, a worker at la Croix-Rousse, leads a hard-working and contented life with his wife and daughter. He rejects the misery inflicted by his boss when he is laid off with his fellow workers to be replaced by machines. The issue at the time was not relocation but depersonalisation. Claude, with other canuts (silk workers) took to his gun and set up barricades. Sentenced to 7 years' hard labour, he was imprisoned at the prison-workshop of Clairvaux. A study of injustice and violence: Claude kills the prison governor and is guillotined.

PERFORMERS

Jean-Sébastien Bou .................................................................... Claude
Jean-Philippe Lafont .................................................................... Director
Rodrigo Ferreira ................................................................. Albin
Laurent Alvaro ................................................................. Entrepreneur / General supervisor
Rény Mathieu ................................................................. First character / First supervisor
Philip Sheffield ................................................................. Second character / Second supervisor
Loleh Pottier ............................................................................. Little girl
Anaël Chevallier ................................................................. Voice in echo
Yannick Berne ........................................................................ First prisoner
Paolo Stupenengo ................................................................. Second prisoner
Jean Vendassi ......................................................................... Third prisoner
David Sanchez Serra .......................................................... Lawyer
Didier Roussel ......................................................................... Advocate General
Brian Bruce ................................................................................ President
Laura Ruiz Tamayo .................................................................. Dancer
Orchestra, Chorus et Maître de la Opéra de Lyon

ARTISTIC STAFF

Musical direction Jérémie Rhorer
Staging Olivier Py  |  Sets and costumes Pierre-André Weitz  |  Lighting Bertrand Killy  |  Choreography Daniel Izzo  |  Chorus Master Alan Woodbridge
Orchestra and Chorus of the Opéra de Lyon

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