

# Schubert

## Alfonso und Estrella

Opera in Three Acts

Libretto by Franz von Schober

An all-star cast, world-famous choir and orchestra conducted by the renowned Nikolaus Harnoncourt came together in May 1997 to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Franz Schubert's birth with a new production of his rarely performed opera *Alfonso und Estrella*. Despite his inexperience in the field, Schubert provides some of his most poignantly beautiful music, notable for its sensitive use of orchestral colour and strong vocal lines. Winner of two Emmys and many other prestigious awards, Brian Large directed this historic Vienna Festival production of one of Schubert's most ambitious major works.

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| Mauregato, King of León . . . . .     | Olaf Bär        |
| Estrella, his daughter . . . . .      | Luba Orgonasova |
| Adolfo, Mauregato's general . . . . . | Alfred Muff     |
| Froila, exiled King of León . . . . . | Thomas Hampson  |
| Alfonso, his son . . . . .            | Endrik Wotrich  |

Chamber Orchestra of Europe

Arnold Schoenberg Choir

Nikolaus Harnoncourt

Stage Director: Jürgen Flimm

Set Design: Erich Wonder

Costumes: Florence von Gerkan

Lighting: Manfred Voss, Gerhard Hillebrand

Television Director: Brian Large

Head Producer: Attila Láng

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 (Austrian Broadcasting) and NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)  
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Sung in German

**ORF**



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