

# Cavalli

## La virtù de' strali d'Amore

### (The Power of Cupid's Arrows)

Tragicomedy in a Prologue and Three Acts

Libretto by Giovanni Faustini

*La virtù de' strali d'Amore* was the first of ten operas Cavalli wrote with librettist Giovanni Faustini. Set in Cyprus, the plot involves enchanted and pastoral elements, love and its thwarting, the counterpointing of Man and God, sorcery, revelation and ultimate resolution, all accomplished in a brilliant series of scenes. A follower of Monteverdi, Cavalli reveals the influence of the older man but also his own pronounced independence. Fabio Biondi and Europa Galante have become one of the most admired partnerships in the history of baroque music performance.

Caprice / Leucippe / Clarindo . . . . . Giacinta Nicotra  
 Pleasure / Clito / Rumour . . . . . Gemma Bertagnolli  
 Pallante, prince of Thrace . . . . . Juan Sancho  
 Erabena (Eumete), daughter of the King of Athens . . . . . Cristiana Arcari  
 Meonte . . . . . Filippo Adami  
 Cleria / Venus . . . . . Roberta Invernizzi  
 Cleandra / Amore . . . . . Monica Piccinini  
 First sailor / Evagora / Jupiter . . . . . Marco Scavazza  
 Second sailor / Saturn . . . . . Roberto Abbondanza  
 Ericlea / Psiche . . . . . Donatella Lombardi  
 Darete / Marte . . . . . Filippo Morace

Europa Galante

Soloist and Conductor: Fabio Biondi

Direction: Facoltà di Design e Arti IUAV – Venezia

*A full cast and production list will be found in the booklet*

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Engineers: Rino Trasi, Giuseppe Famularo • Editors: Rino Trasi, Vera Zanotti

Producer: Alberto Dellepiane

Sung in Italian • Subtitles in Italian and English



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