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Alfredo Casella was one of the 'Generation of the eighties' who sought to shake Italian music from its long-standing operatic heritage and the dominance of Puccini. *La donna serpente* was Casella's only full-scale opera, its fantastic plot based on Carlo Gozzi's renowned fairy tale that perpetually alternates between tragedy and comedy, expressed in neo-Classical music that skilfully portrays the sinister and ethereal world of the fairies as well as the intense emotions of the human realm. This production was acclaimed for Arturo Cirillo's dreamlike setting and Gianandrea Noseda's pin-point conducting: 'What energy, what precision! ... he delivers the complexity of this score with a disconcerting ease.' (*resmusica.com*)

ALFREDO CASELLA

(1883-1947)

LA DONNA SERPENTE

('The Snake Woman')

Fairy-tale opera in one prologue, three acts and seven scenes (1932)
Libretto by Cesare Vico Lodovici (1885-1968) after Carlo Gozzi (1720-1806)

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| Altidòr | Piero Pretti |
| Miranda | Carmela Remigio |
| Armilla | Erika Grimaldi |
| Farzana / Coryphaea | Francesca Sassu |
| Canzàde | Anna Maria Chiuri |
| Alditrùf | Francesco Marsiglia |
| Albrigòr | Marco Filippo Romano |
| Pantùl | Roberto de Candia |
| Tartagil | Fabrizio Paesano |
| Tògrul | Fabrizio Beggi |
| Demogorgòn | Sebastian Catana |
| Smeraldina / A voice | Kate Fruchterman |
| Badùr / Coryphaeus | Donato Di Gioia |
| Herald / Magician Geónca's voice | Emilio Marcucci |

Orchestra Teatro Regio Torino
Conductor **Gianandrea Noseda**

Chorus Teatro Regio Torino
Chorus Master **Claudio Fenoglio**

Fattoria Vittadini
Choreography **Riccardo Olivier**

Stage Director **Arturo Cirillo**
Set Designer **Dario Gessati**
Costume Designer **Gianluca Falaschi**
Lighting Designer **Giuseppe Calabrò**

Video Director **Ariella Beddini**

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A new staging by Teatro Regio Torino in co-production with the Festival della Valle d'Itria



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