

Gluck's influential *Orphée et Eurydice* tells the story of Orphée's descent into the Underworld to retrieve his wife Eurydice. His singing has the power to overcome the guardian Furies, but the path of true love is shadowed by sorrow and tragedy. As a true 'drama of the soul' with intense psychological and emotive power, *Orphée et Eurydice* shook Enlightenment Europe to its core. Berlioz, in his 1859 version prepared for the Théâtre Lyrique, exploited the score's full potential through a synthesis of the versions Gluck prepared for Parma, Paris and Vienna. Aurélien Bory's Paris production was described as 'just breathtaking' by *OperaJournal*.

CHRISTOPH WILLIBALD GLUCK
(1714-1787)

ORPHÉE ET EURYDICE

Opera in four acts (1762)

1859 version by Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)

Libretto by Pierre-Louis Moline (c. 1740-1820)

Sung in French

Orphée Marianne Crebassa

Eurydice Hélène Guilmette

Amour Lea Desandre

Chorus and Orchestra

Ensemble Pygmalion

Conductor Raphaël Pichon

Stage Director Aurélien Bory

Dramaturgy Taïcyr Fadel

Set Designers Aurélien Bory and Pierre Dequivre

Costume Designer Manuela Agnesini

Lighting Designer Arno Veyrat

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Video Director François Roussillon

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