

Jean-Joseph Cassanéa de Mondonville was greatly admired in his day. His opera *Titon et l'Aurore* was one of his most popular works, being held up as a triumph over the rival Italian style during the Parisian *Querelle des Bouffons* in the 1750s. The narrative of this spectacular opéra-ballet follows the tumultuous and seemingly unbreakable liaison between the goddess L'Aurore and her lover the shepherd Titon. Jealous gods and goddesses try to interfere through murderous intent and dramatic abduction, but true love ultimately conquers all in stage director Basil Twist's acclaimed feast for the senses.

JEAN-JOSEPH CASSANÉA DE MONDONVILLE (1711–1772)

TITON ET L'AURORE

Pastorale héroïque in a prologue and three acts, Op. 7 (1753)

Libretto by Claude-Henri de Fusée, abbé de Voisenon (1708–1775)

based on two libretti by Houdar de la Motte (1672–1731) and the Abbé de La Marre (1708–1742)

Titon	REINOUD VAN MECHELEN
L'Aurore	GWENDOLINE BLONDEEL
Palès	EMMANUELLE DE NEGRI
Éole	MARC MAUILLON
Amour	JULIE ROSET
Prométhée	RENATO DOLCINI

LES ARTS FLORISSANTS

Conductor **WILLIAM CHRISTIE**

Stage Director, Designer and Puppet Designer **BASIL TWIST**

Video Designer **DANIEL BRODIE**

Lighting Designer **JEAN KALMAN**

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Film Director **FRANÇOIS ROUSSILLON**

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