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Jean-Baptiste Lully's *Atys*, a tragédie en musique, became known as the 'king's opera' due to Louis XIV's fondness for it. The work stands as a testament to the Sun King's courtly refinement, as well as his moves to make France the centre of European artistic culture. The opera's themes of romantic dilemmas and ultimate tragedy, set amidst the poetic atmosphere of Ovid's classical mythology, create the perfect vehicle for a narrative filled with dramatic intensity combined with a myriad of moving and expressive arias and duets. William Christie conducts this acclaimed production – hailed by The New York Times as being 'as satisfying as it is bold'.

JEAN-BAPTISTE LULLY (1632–1687)

ATYS

Tragédie en musique in a prologue and five acts (1676)
Libretto by Philippe Quinault (1635–1688)

Atys	BERNARD RICHTER
Cybèle	STÉPHANIE D'OUSTRAC
Sangarine	EMMANUELLE DE NEGRI
Célénus	NICOLAS RIVENQ
Idas	MARC MAUILLON
Doris	SOPHIE DANEMAN
Mélissee	JAËL AZZARETTI
Dieu du Sommeil	PAUL AGNEW
Morphée	CYRIL AUVITY
Le Temps / Le Fleuve Sangar	BERNARD DELETRÉ

COMPAGNIE FÊTES GALANTES

LES ARTS FLORISSANTS
Conductor WILLIAM CHRISTIE

Stage Director JEAN-MARIE VILLÉGIER

Associate Stage Director CHRISTOPHE GALLAND Set Designer CARLO TOMMASI

Choreographers FRANCINE LANCELOT* and BÉATRICE MASSIN

Costume Designer PATRICE CAUCHETIER Lighting Designer PATRICK MÉEÜS

Perruquier DANIEL BLANC Make-up Designer SUZANNE PISTEUR

A production by the Opéra Comique, in co-production with Brooklyn Academy of Music, Théâtre de Caen, the Opéra national de Bordeaux and Les Arts Florissants. Associate partner: Compagnie Fêtes galantes

A revival of the production created in 1987 at the Opéra Comique thanks to the exceptional support of Ronald P. Stanton*

Film Director FRANÇOIS ROUSSILLON

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