

Riccardo Zandonai's *Francesca da Rimini* is a four-act opera set during the Renaissance period. The plot concerns an arranged marriage between Francesca and Giovanni, also known as Gianciotto, who is impersonated by his handsome brother Paolo, and with whom Francesca falls passionately in love. Sometimes referred to as the 'Italian Tristan', the opera ends in betrayal and a double murder. The production of this rarely performed opera from the Deutsche Oper Berlin proved to be a huge critical success.

RICCARDO ZANDONAI (1883–1944)

FRANCESCA DA RIMINI

Tragedia in four acts (1914)

Libretto by Tito Ricordi based on Gabriele D'Annunzio's poem

Francesca	Sara Jakubiak
Paolo il Bello	Jonathan Tetelman
Giovanni lo Sciancato, known as Gianciotto	Ivan Inverardi
Malatestino dall'Occhio	Charles Workman

Orchestra of the Deutsche Oper Berlin

Conductor **Carlo Rizzi**

Chorus of the Deutsche Oper Berlin

Chorus Master **Jeremy Bines**

Stage Director **Christof Loy**

Set Designer **Johannes Leiacker**

Costume Designer **Klaus Bruns**

Lighting Designer **Olaf Winter**

Video Director **Götz Filenius**

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