

Composed using his own libretto, Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov created this magical opera based on the short story by Nikolay Gogol in which Vakula the handsome blacksmith wants to marry the rich farmer's daughter Oksana, who in turn demands that he must first bring her the Tsarina's shoes. Meanwhile a witch on her broomstick gathers the stars and the devil steals the moon – demonic forces trying to hinder this romantic union. Enchantment and enlightenment come together happily in Rimsky-Korsakov's fairy-tale opera, and this Oper Frankfurt production was considered 'a perfect seasonal tonic' by the *Financial Times*.

NIKOLAY RIMSKY-KORSAKOV (1844–1908)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Ночь перед Рождеством

Opera in four acts (1894–95)

Libretto by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov based on the short story *The Night Before Christmas* by Nikolay Gogol

Sung in Russian

Vakula	GEORGY VASILIEV
Oksana	JULIA MUZYCHENKO
Solokha	ENKELEJDA SHKOZA
Chub	ALEXEY TIKHOMIROV
Devil	ANDREI POPOV



Chor der Oper Frankfurt
Chorus Master TILMAN MICHAEL

Frankfurter Opern- und Museumsorchester
Conductor SEBASTIAN WEIGLE

Stage Director	CHRISTOF LOY	Choreographer	KLEVIS ELMAZAJ
Set Designer	JOHANNES LEIACKER	Flight Choreographer	RAN ARTHUR BRAUN
Costume Designer	URSULA RENZENBRINK	Dramaturge	MAXIMILIAN ENDERLE
Lighting Designer	OLAF WINTER		

Film Director MYRIAM HOYER

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