

Treading a tightrope between death, life and intense romance in the opulent world of 19th-century Habsburg royalty, *Elisabeth* tells the story of the beautiful Empress of Austria, from her wedding, to her tragic assassination by the hand of the Italian anarchist Luigi Lucheni. Ongoing dark obsessions and inner turmoil are undercurrents as family schisms flare up amidst a crumbling empire. These powerful themes and a potent score brimming with fabulous music have combined to establish *Elisabeth* as the most successful German-language musical of all time. This spectacular open-air event presents *Elisabeth* at the fabled empress's real-life home – Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna.

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MUSIC & ORCHESTRATIONS

SYLVESTER LEVAY

ELISABETH	MAYA HAKVOORT
SISI, THE YOUNG ELISABETH	ABLA ALAQUI
DEATH	MARK SEIBERT
LUIGI LUCHENI	DAVID JAKOBS
EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEPH	ANDRÉ BAUER
ARCHDUCHESS SOPHIE	DANIELA ZIEGLER
CROWN PRINCE RUDOLF	LUKAS PERMAN
RUDOLF AS A CHILD	PHILIPP GRUBER-HIRSCHBRICH
DUKE MAX OF BAVARIA	HANS NEBLUNG
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BONUS

Maya Hakvoort performs 'Ich gehör nur mir' (with kind permission of C Major Entertainment)

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