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Jacques Offenbach had already achieved fame as an operetta composer by 1866, but that year's premiere of *La Vie parisienne* was his first portrayal of contemporary Parisian life. With its tale of romantic intrigues, disguises and comic celebrations of the mad gaiety of life in the French capital, *La Vie parisienne* became popular in the nation's theatres, but not after a hasty re-working of its final acts after protests from the original performers. With significant new musical discoveries and the final acts restored, this *opéra-bouffe* masterpiece now speaks for itself given the resources of a superb cast and Christian Lacroix's colourful and much acclaimed Bru Zane France production.

JACQUES OFFENBACH (1819–1880)

LA VIE PARISIENNE

Operetta in five acts (1866) · Complete original version
Libretto by Henri Meilhac and Ludovic Halévy

Gabrielle JODIE DEVOS
Gardefeu RODOLPHE BRIAND
Bobinet MARC MAUILLON
Le Baron de Gondremarck FRANCK LEGUÉRINEL

La Baronne de Gondremarck
Métella
Le Brésilien / Gontran / Frick

SANDRINE BUENDIA
AUDE EXTRÉMO
ÉRIC HUCHET



Chœur de chambre de Namur
Les Musiciens du Louvre
and their Academy
in partnership with the Jeune Orchestre Atlantique

Conductor **ROMAIN DUMAS**

Stage Director, Set and Costume Designer

CHRISTIAN LACROIX

Collaborative Stage Directors

LAURENT DELVERT, ROMAIN GILBERT

Choreographer

GLYSLEIN LEFEVER

Lighting Designer

BERTRAND COUDERC

A production by Bru Zane France in co-production with Opéra Royal de Wallonie-Liège, Opéra de Rouen Normandie, Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Opéra Orchestre national Montpellier, Opéra de Limoges, Opéra de Tours and Palazzetto Bru Zane

Film Director **FRANÇOIS ROUSSILLON**

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