

Franz Schreker's career was cut short by the events of 1933 in Germany but he achieved real fame with his operas, and the huge success of *Der Schatzgräber* ('The Treasure Hunter') in the 1920s was the high point of his career. In a complex and ultimately tragic tale of destructive greed, desire and toxic social hierarchy, the innkeeper's daughter Els is forced to confront the consequences of her murderous intent in what conductor Marc Albrecht considers 'a work of exceptional quality, concentration and significance'. Following the huge success of Korngold's *Das Wunder der Heliane* (Naxos DVD 2.110584-85 / Blu-ray NBD0083V), director Christof Loy continues his exploration of strong female characters and neglected 20th-century masterpieces with this highly acclaimed Deutsche Oper Berlin production.

FRANZ SCHREKER (1878-1934)

# DER SCHATZGRÄBER

Opera in a prologue, four acts and an epilogue (1918)

Libretto by the composer

Elis DANIEL JOHANSSON

Els ELISABET STRID

Der Narr (The Fool) MICHAEL LAURENZ

Der König (The King) TUOMAS PURSIO

Die Königin (The Queen) DOKE PAUWELS

Der Vogt (The Bailiff) THOMAS JOHANNES MAYER



Chorus of the Deutsche Oper Berlin

Chorus Master JEREMY BINES

Orchestra of the Deutsche Oper Berlin

Conductor MARC ALBRECHT

Stage Director CHRISTOF LOY

Set Designer JOHANNES LEIACKER

Costume Designer BARBARA DROSIHN

Lighting Designer OLAF WINTER

Dramaturge DOROTHEA HARTMANN

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Film Director GÖTZ FILENIUS

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