

Premiered in 1883, *Lakmé* remains one of the most popular of all French operas. Reflecting contemporary tastes, the original source material presented a tragic liaison between a French officer and a Tahitian woman on a Pacific island, but Delibes moved the location to British-ruled India where the two central characters are torn between passion and loyalty, and assailed by a fanatical religious leader. For this opera Delibes wrote music of indelible beauty, including the much-loved 'Flower Duet' and 'Bell Song'.

LÉO DELIBES (1836-1891)

LAKMÉ

Opéra-comique in three acts (1882)

Libretto by Edmond Gondinet and Philippe Gille

Lakmé **SABINE DEVIEILHE**

Gérald **FRÉDÉRIC ANTOUN**

Nilakantha **STÉPHANE DEGOUT**

Mallika **AMBROISINE BRÉ**

Frédéric **PHILIPPE ESTÈPHE**

Ellen **ELISABETH BOUDREAU**

Rose **MARIELOU JACQUARD**

Mistress Bentson **MIREILLE DELUNSCH**

Hadji **FRANÇOIS ROUGIER**



Orchestra and Choir

Pygmalion

Conductor **RAPHAËL PICHON**

Stage Director

and Costume Designer

Dialogue Adaptation

Set Designer

Lighting Designer

LAURENT PELLY

AGATHE MÉLINAND

CAMILLE DUGAS

JOËL ADAM

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Film Director **FRANÇOIS ROUSSILLON**

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