

DEUTSCHE OPER BERLIN



Richard Strauss

# Arabella

Lyric comedy in three acts, Op. 79, TrV 263 (1930–32)  
Libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal

Part I of Tobias Kratzer's Strauss triptych at the Deutsche Oper Berlin

Richard Strauss's *Arabella* is a lyric comedy that portrays hardships and obsessions in a society whose late-bourgeois values are crumbling. An addiction to gambling has driven the family of cavalry officer Waldner into financial ruin, and their only hope for salvation lies in marrying off their daughter Arabella into a wealthy family. Strauss's orchestral opulence coupled with its period Viennese setting has seen *Arabella* perceived as a light-hearted comedy of errors, but Tobias Kratzer's multi-faceted production also explores the disunity between its characters, spotlighting tensions that connect 19th-century Vienna to the present day.

Count Waldner ALBERT PESENDORFER

Adelaide DORIS SOFFEL

Arabella SARA JAKUBIAK

Zdenka ELENA TSALLAGOVA

Mandryka RUSSELL BRAUN

Matteo ROBERT WATSON

Chorus of the Deutsche Oper Berlin

Chorus Master JEREMY BINES

Orchestra of the Deutsche Oper Berlin

Conductor SIR DONALD RUNNICLES

Stage Director TOBIAS KRATZER

Set Designer RAINER SELLMAIER

Costume Designers RAINER SELLMAIER, CLARA HERTEL

Video Designers MANUEL BRAUN, JONAS DAHL

Lighting Designer STEFAN WOINKE

Choreographer JEROEN VERBRUGGEN

Video Director GÖTZ FILENIUS



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