

Tchaikovsky's lyric opera *Eugene Onegin* is based on Alexander Pushkin's novel in verse – a masterpiece of Russian literature. The narrative tells the story of Onegin's remorse in rejecting the young Tatyana and his instigation of a fatal duel in which his friend Lensky dies. The opera is constructed in what Tchaikovsky termed 'lyrical scenes', with music that articulates the feelings of the characters with great sensitivity and subtlety. With a minimalist set design, director Laurent Pelly's staging underlines the lightness and sadness of the subject while fully expressing the characters' fantasies and inner torments. After his forays into the Russian repertoire, Alain Altinoglu conducts La Monnaie Symphony Orchestra and Chorus with a cast of outstanding singers.

PYOTR IL'YICH TCHAIKOVSKY

EUGENE ONEGIN

Lyrical scenes in three acts and seven tableaux, Op. 24 (1878)

Libretto by Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky and Konstantin Shilovsky
after Alexander Pushkin's novel in verse

Eugene Onegin **STÉPHANE DEGOUT**

Tatyana **SALLY MATTHEWS**

Lensky **BOGDAN VOLKOV**

Larina **BERNADETTE GRABIAS**

Filipyevna **CRISTINA MELIS**

Olga **LILLY JØRSTAD**

Prince Gremin **NICOLAS COURJAL**

La Monnaie Chorus

Chorus Master **JAN SCHWEIGER**

La Monnaie Symphony Orchestra

Conductor **ALAIN ALTINOGLU**

Stage Director and

Costume Designer **LAURENT PELLY**

Set Designer **MASSIMO TRONCANETTI**

Lighting Designer **MARCO GIUSTI**

Choreographer **LIONEL HOCHE**

Costume Collaborator

JEAN-JACQUES DELMOTTE

Film Director **FRANÇOIS ROUSSILLON**

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