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Set during the Roman Civil War (49–45 BCE), Handel's *Giulio Cesare* is an intense drama filled with romance, tragedy and political intrigue. The plot centres on Cleopatra's campaign to seduce Julius Caesar in order to enlist his support in her becoming Queen of Egypt. Handel's music breathes the atmosphere of the Baroque with virtuosic vocal fireworks and subtle arias. This acclaimed production is given a modern setting populated by power-hungry oligarchs who are placed by director Calixto Bieito into 'a digital dream world in a desert paradise'.

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685-1759)

GIULIO CESARE IN EGITTO

Dramma per musica in three acts (1724)

Libretto by Nicola Francesco Haym

Giulio Cesare **CHRISTOPHE DUMAUX**

Cleopatra **JULIE FUCHS**

Sesto **CECILIA MOLINARI**

Cornelia **TERESA IERVOLINO**

Tolomeo **CAMERON SHAHBAZI**

Achilla **FREDERIK BERGMAN**

Nireno **JAKE INGBAR**

Curio **GEORGIY DERBAS-RICHTER**

Stage Director **CALIXTO BIEITO**

Set Designer **REBECCA RINGST**

Costume Designer **INGO KRÜGLER**

Lighting Designer **MICHAEL BAUER**

Video Designer **SARAH DERENDINGER**

Dramaturge **BETTINA AUER**

A production by Dutch National Opera, Amsterdam, Netherlands

in co-production with Gran Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona

Film Director **FRANÇOIS ROUSSILLON**

LE CONCERT D'ASTRÉE

Musical Director and Harpsichord

EMMANUELLE HAÏM



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