

Richard Strauss

Intermezzo

A bourgeois comedy with symphonic interludes in two acts, Op. 72, TrV 246 (1924)

Libretto by the composer

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

Richard Strauss described his two-act opera *Intermezzo* as a 'bourgeois comedy with symphonic interludes'. The soprano role of Christine with her shimmering cantilenas represents Strauss's wife Pauline, while the successful Court Conductor Robert Storch is Richard Strauss's alter ego in a reality drama that was avant-garde for its time. This acclaimed production from director Tobias Kratzer brings *Intermezzo* into the present day, highlighting Strauss's own clever switches between reality and fiction with stunning visual effects and a superbly characterful cast.

Orchestra of the Deutsche Oper Berlin

Conductor Sir Donald Runnicles

Court Conductor Robert Storch Philipp Jekal

Christine, his wife Maria Bengtsson

Franzl, their son Elliott Woodruff

Anna, the chambermaid Anna Schoeck

Baron Lummer Thomas Blondelle

Stage Director Tobias Kratzer

Set and Costume Designer Rainer Sellmaier

Video Designers Jonas Dahl, Janic Bebi

Lighting Designer Stefan Woinke

Dramaturg Jörg Königsdorf

Video Director Götz Filenius



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