

Jaromír Weinberger's 'one-hit wonder', *Švanda dudák*, is a colourful folk-opera centred on the comic antics of the eponymous bagpiper. Švanda's instrument possesses magic powers which are used and mis-used in adventures with a robber, an unhappy queen and the Devil himself, before Švanda is re-united with his beautiful young wife, Dorota. With its memorable *Polka*, hit tunes that would not be out of place on Broadway, and unashamed use of Smetana-like musical elements, the work has enjoyed success in scores of the world's opera houses. Wexford Festival Opera is acclaimed world-wide for its courageous programming of neglected repertoire and its high production values.

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Jaromír WEINBERGER

(1896-1967)

Švanda dudák – Švanda the Bagpiper

(Sung in Czech)

Švanda	Matjaz Robavs, Baritone
Dorota	Tatiana Monogarova, Soprano
Babinský	Ivan Choupenitch, Tenor
The Queen	Larisa Kostyuk, Mezzo-Soprano
The Magician	Alexander Teliga, Bass
The Judge	Nicholas Sharratt, Tenor
The Executioner	Pavel Kozel, Baritone
The Devil	Alexander Teliga, Bass
The Devil's Servant	Sean Ruane, Tenor
Hell's Captain	Pavel Kozel, Baritone
First Mercenary Soldier	Vicenç Esteve, Tenor
Second Mercenary Soldier	Richard Weigold, Bass

Wexford Festival Opera Chorus (Chorus Master: Lubomír Mátl)
National Philharmonic Orchestra of Belarus • Julian Reynolds

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