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Erich Wolfgang Korngold was at the height of his fame and technical mastery by the time he began work on his fourth opera in 1923. Prominent opera houses clamoured to stage his works, and the Viennese premiere of *Das Wunder der Heliane* ('The Miracle of Heliane') featured Lotte Lehmann among its star cast. Its story is one of the redemptive power of love over injustice and adversity, expressed in music that is richly impressionistic and intensely dramatic. Korngold was criticised for resisting the tide of modernist atonality in this opulent score, but its symbolism and compelling romantic atmosphere can be appreciated today more than ever.



## Erich Wolfgang KORNGOLD

(1897–1957)

### Das Wunder der Heliane, Op. 20

Heliane, the wife of The Ruler ..... Annemarie Kremer, Soprano  
Der Herrscher ('The Ruler') ..... Aris Argiris, Baritone  
Der Fremde ('The Stranger') ..... Ian Storey, Tenor  
Die Botin ('The Messenger') ..... Katerina Hebelková, Alto  
Der Pförtne ('The Gatekeeper') ..... Frank van Hove, Bass  
Der bilde Schwertrichter ('The Sword Judge') .. Nutthaporn Thammathi, Tenor  
Der junge Mann ('The Young Man') ..... György Hanczár, Tenor

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Members of the Freiburger Bachchor • Chorus master: Bernhard Moncado

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1 Act I: Vorspiel	2:34	1 Act II: Vorspiel	2:34	1 Act III: Zwischenspiel	8:42
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