

*Götterdämmerung* (Twilight of the Gods) is the epic fourth and final opera of Wagner's great *Ring* cycle, with a plot that depicts the fall of heroes, gods, and the entire world. As ever with the *Ring*, the joys of love are all too fragile and fleeting, and the drama of *Götterdämmerung* revolves around dark and unsettling reversals of fortune and illusions of hope that synthesise thrilling and powerful grand opera traditions with Wagner's revolutionary techniques. Containing all of the *Ring*'s essential elements, *Götterdämmerung* possesses a profoundly satisfying sense of inevitability that makes it both a towering climax and a unified summation of the *Ring*'s abundant variety.



Richard  
**WAGNER**  
(1813–1883)

## Götterdämmerung

The Three Norns ..... Sarah Castle, Stephanie Houtzeel, Jenufa Gleich  
Brünnhilde ..... Gun-Brit Barkmin, Soprano  
Siegfried ..... Daniel Brenna, Tenor  
Gunther ..... Shenyang, Bass-baritone  
Hagen ..... Eric Halfvarson, Bass  
Gutrune ..... Amanda Majeski, Soprano  
Waltraute ..... Michelle DeYoung, Mezzo-soprano  
Alberich ..... Peter Kálmán, Bass-baritone  
Woglinde ..... Eri Nakamura, Soprano  
Wellgunde ..... Aurhelia Varak, Mezzo-soprano  
Floßhilde ..... Hermine Haselböck, Mezzo-soprano

**Bamberg Symphony Chorus • Latvian State Choir**  
**Hong Kong Philharmonic Chorus**  
Eberhard Friedrich, Principal chorus master  
**Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra • Jaap van Zweden**

<b>CD 1</b>	<b>51:37</b>	<b>CD 2</b>	<b>68:03</b>	<b>CD 3</b>	<b>66:28</b>	<b>CD 4</b>	<b>77:34</b>
<b>1–6 Prologue</b>	<b>37:52</b>	<b>1–12 Act I</b>		<b>1–12 Act II</b>	<b>66:28</b>	<b>1–14 Act III</b>	<b>72:31</b>
<b>7–9 Act I</b>	<b>13:44</b>	(contd.)	<b>68:03</b>			<b>15 Conclusion</b>	<b>5:03</b>

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