

Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari is best known for his comic operas. With this reputation established, the appearance of *Das Himmelskleid* in 1927, with its 'symbolical twilight world... that rises musically to religious greatness and a world of dreams' was a surprise for critics of the day. The narrative is a parable of a young princess who is born with the 'Garment of Heaven', but she forgets this true gift in her greedy pursuit of wealth and power. *Das Himmelskleid* is perhaps the most profoundly mature of Wolf-Ferrari's operas, with an amazing sensitivity and feeling for sound and colour that were never bettered.



Ermanno
WOLF-FERRARI
(1876–1948)

Das Himmelskleid
(‘The Garment of Heaven’)

Legend in three acts (c. 1917–25)

The Princess.....	Angelina Ruzzafante, Soprano
The Prince.....	Sibrand Basa, Tenor
The Chancellor.....	Reinhard Leisenheimer, Tenor
Prince Korbinian.....	Stefan Adam, Baritone
Prince Gudolin / The Beggar.....	Sergio Gómez, Bass
Prince Fridolin.....	Peer-Martin Sturm, Tenor
Prince Pippin.....	Michael Kurz, Tenor
The Moon Fairy.....	Anna-Maria Dur, Mezzo-soprano

Opera Chorus and Augmented Chorus of Theater Hagen
Granville Walker, Répétiteur

Hagen Philharmonic Orchestra • Gerhard Markson

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1 Prelude	1:11	1 Prelude	2:39	1–2 Act II (cont.)	13:58
2–8 Act I	53:53	2–7 Act II	66:36	3–6 Act III	28:19

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