

Many years before Richard Strauss composed his opera on the subject of Salome and John the Baptist, Jules Massenet had explored the same relationship in *Hérodiade*. However, in Massenet's opera it is the vengeful Hérodiade, Salomé's mother, who demands John the Baptist's head, not her naïve innocent daughter. The opera's lyrical inwardness focuses on the characters' most intimate feelings in a way that had not been heard before and was considered radical at the time.

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Jules Émile Frédéric
MASSENET
(1842–1912)

Hérodiade

Opera in four acts (1878–79, rev. 1884)

Libretto by Paul Milliet (1848–1924) and Georges Hartmann (Henri Grémont) (1843–1900), based on a draft scenario by Angelo Zanardini (1820–1893)

Hérode	Etienne Dupuis, Baritone
Hérodiade	Clémantine Margaine, Mezzo-soprano
Salomé	Nicole Car, Soprano
Jean	Matthew Polenzani, Tenor
Phanuel	Marko Mimica, Bass-baritone
Vitellius	Dean Murphy, Baritone
A High Priest	Kyle Miller, Baritone
A Voice	Thomas Cilluffo, Tenor
A Young Babylonian	Sua Jo, Soprano

Chorus of the Deutsche Oper Berlin

(Jeremy Bines, Chorus Master)

Orchestra of the Deutsche Oper Berlin • Enrique Mazzola

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CD 2	1–17 Act III	54:51	18–25 Act IV	26:37		

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