

Numerous myths surround the supposed failure of *Ermione*, and while Rossini himself feared the subject might be 'overly tragic', he was clearly fond of the work, keeping its manuscript until his death. *Ermione* is set in the aftermath of the Trojan War, with the Greek princess Ermione consumed with jealousy because Pirro has forsaken her and fallen in love with Andromaca, the widow of Hector. This complex web of emotional turmoil explores the calamitous consequences of passion between larger-than-life characters, with Rossini's captivating lyrical expressiveness and spectacular vocal acrobatics superbly performed in this acclaimed Rossini in Wildbad production.

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**Gioachino
ROSSINI**
(1792–1868)

ROSSINI
in WILDBAD
Belcanto Opera Festival

Ermione

Azione tragica in two acts (1819)

Libretto by Andrea Leone Tottola (d. 1831)

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| Ermione..... | Serena Farnocchia, Soprano |
| Andromaca | Aurora Faggioli, Mezzo-soprano |
| Pirro | Moisés Marín, Tenor |
| Oreste..... | Patrick Kabongo, Tenor |
| Pilade | Chuan Wang, Tenor |
| Fenicio..... | Jusung Gabriel Park, Bass-baritone |
| Cleone..... | Mariana Poltorak, Soprano |
| Cefisa..... | Katarzyna Guran, Soprano |
| Attalo | Bartosz Jankowski, Tenor |

Kraków Philharmonic Chorus (Marcin Wróbel, Chorus Master)

Kraków Philharmonic Orchestra (Alexander Humala, Artistic Director)

Antonino Fogliani

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| | 2–19 Act I | 77:01 | | | |

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