

Weber was at the forefront of the rise of German Romantic opera and sought to dethrone Rossini from his position as the leading operatic composer in Europe. In his breakthrough and most popular opera *Der Freischütz* ('The Marksman') composed in 1821, he succeeded in his aim of establishing a truly German form. Turning to the folklore and folk songs of his native land he took a story of a marksman who makes a pact with the Devil, vesting it with powerful intensity – not least in the famous Wolf's Glen scene – and an astonishing control of orchestral colour and atmosphere.

CARL MARIA VON WEBER

(1786–1826)

DER FREISCHÜTZ

Opera in three acts (1821)

Libretto by Johann Friedrich Kind (1768–1843)

Ottokar	Michael Kraus
Kuno / Samiel's Voice	Frank van Hove
Agathe	Julia Kleiter
Ännchen	Eva Liebau
Kaspar	Günther Groissböck
Max	Michael König
A Hermit	Stephen Milling
Kilian	Till von Orłowsky

Coro e orchestra del Teatro alla Scala

Chorus Master Bruno Casoni

Conductor Myung-Whun Chung

Stage Director Matthias Hartmann

Set Designer Raimund Orfeo Voigt

Costume Designers Susanne Bisovsky and Josef Gerger

Lighting Designer Marco Filibeck

Dramaturge Michael Küster

Video Director Jean-Pierre Loisl

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