

Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo* was premiered in 1607 and is the oldest opera still performed today. The narrative is based on the Greek legend of Orpheus who, armed only with the weapons of music and love, descends into Hades in an attempt to bring his lost bride Eurydice back to the living world. The opera's dramatic power is brought to life in this acclaimed production conducted by the great Monteverdi expert and interpreter Jordi Savall. Filmed at the Opéra Comique in Paris *L'Orfeo* features a virtuoso cast with the service of text and music always at its core.

CLAUDIO MONTEVERDI (1567-1643)

L'ORFEO

Favola in musica in five acts and a prologue (1607)

Libretto by Alessandro Striggio

La Musica / Euridice
Orfeo
Messaggiera
Speranza / Proserpina
Apollo
Caronte / Plutone

LUCIANA MANCINI
MARC MAUILLON
SARA MINGARDO
MARIANNE BEATE KIELLAND
FURIO ZANASI
SALVO VITALE



La Capella Reial de Catalunya

Le Concert des Nations

Conductor **JORDI SAVALL**

Stage Director **PAULINE BAYLE**

Set Designer **EMMANUEL CLOLUS**

Costume Designer **BERNADETTE VILLARD**

Lighting Designer **PASCAL NOËL**

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Opéra Royal – Château de Versailles Spectacles and Opéra Grand Avignon

Film Director **FRANÇOIS ROUSSILLON**

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