

Composed using his own libretto, Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov created this magical opera based on the short story by Nikolay Gogol in which Vakula the handsome blacksmith wants to marry the rich farmer's daughter Oksana, who in turn demands that he must first bring her the Tsarina's shoes. Meanwhile a witch on her broomstick gathers the stars and the devil steals the moon – demonic forces trying to hinder this romantic union. Enchantment and enlightenment come together happily in Rimsky-Korsakov's fairy-tale opera, and this Oper Frankfurt production was considered 'a perfect seasonal tonic' by the *Financial Times*.

NIKOLAY RIMSKY-KORSAKOV (1844–1908)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Ночь перед Рождеством

Opera in four acts (1894–95)

Libretto by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov based on the short story *The Night Before Christmas* by Nikolay Gogol

Sung in Russian

Vakula **GEORGY VASILIEV**
 Oksana **JULIA MUZYCHENKO**
 Solokha **ENKELEJDA SHKOZA**
 Chub **ALEXEY TIKHOMIROV**
 Devil **ANDREI POPOV**



Chor der Oper Frankfurt

Chorus Master **TILMAN MICHAEL**

Frankfurter Opern- und Museumsorchester

Conductor **SEBASTIAN WEIGLE**

Stage Director **CHRISTOF LOY** Choreographer **KLEVIS ELMAZAJ**
 Set Designer **JOHANNES LEIACKER** Flight Choreographer **RAN ARTHUR BRAUN**
 Costume Designer **URSULA RENTZENBRINK** Dramaturge **MAXIMILIAN ENDERLE**
 Lighting Designer **OLAF WINTER**

Film Director **MYRIAM HOYER**

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