

Jacques Offenbach had already achieved fame as an operetta composer by 1866, but that year's premiere of *La Vie parisienne* was his first portrayal of contemporary Parisian life. With its tale of romantic intrigues, disguises and comic celebrations of the mad gaiety of life in the French capital, *La Vie parisienne* became popular in the nation's theatres, but not after a hasty re-working of its final acts after protests from the original performers. With significant new musical discoveries and the final acts restored, this *opéra-bouffe* masterpiece now speaks for itself given the resources of a superb cast and Christian Lacroix's colourful and much acclaimed Bru Zane France production.

JACQUES OFFENBACH (1819–1880)

LA VIE PARISIENNE

Operetta in five acts (1866) • Complete original version

Libretto by Henri Meilhac and Ludovic Halévy

Gabrielle	JODIE DEVOS	La Baronne	
Gardefeu	RODOLPHE BRIAND	de Gondremarck	SANDRINE BUENDIA
Bobinet	MARC MAUILLON	Métella	AUDE EXTRÉMO
Le Baron		Le Brésilien / Gontran / Frick	ÉRIC HUCHET
de Gondremarck	FRANCK LEGUÉRINEL		



Chœur de chambre de Namur
Les Musiciens du Louvre
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in partnership with the Jeune Orchestre Atlantique

Conductor **ROMAIN DUMAS**

Stage Director, Set and Costume Designer **CHRISTIAN LACROIX**
Collaborative Stage Directors **LAURENT DELVERT, ROMAIN GILBERT**
Choreographer **GLYSLEIN LEFEVER**
Lighting Designer **BERTRAND COUDERC**

A production by Bru Zane France in co-production with Opéra Royal de Wallonie-Liège, Opéra de Rouen Normandie, Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Opéra Orchestre national Montpellier, Opéra de Limoges, Opéra de Tours and Palazzetto Bru Zane

Film Director **FRANÇOIS ROUSSILLON**

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