



Treading a tightrope between death, life and intense romance in the opulent world of 19th-century Habsburg royalty, *Elisabeth* tells the story of the beautiful Empress of Austria, from her wedding, to her tragic assassination by the hand of the Italian anarchist Luigi Lucheni. Ongoing dark obsessions and inner turmoil are undercurrents as family schisms flare up amidst a crumbling empire. These powerful themes and a potent score brimming with fabulous music have combined to establish *Elisabeth* as the most successful German-language musical of all time. This spectacular open-air event presents *Elisabeth* at the fabled empress's real-life home – Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna.

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Elisabeth

THE MUSICAL

BOOK & LYRICS
MICHAEL KUNZE

MUSIC & ORCHESTRATIONS
SYLVESTER LEVAY

ELISABETH	MAYA HAKVOORT	ARCHDUCHESS SOPHIE	DANIELA ZIEGLER
SISI, THE YOUNG ELISABETH	ABLA ALAOUI	CROWN PRINCE RUDOLF	LUKAS PERMAN
	DEATH	RUDOLF AS A CHILD	PHILIPP GRUBER-HIRSCHBRICH
LUIGI LUCHENI	DAVID JAKOBS	DUKE MAX OF BAVARIA	HANS NEBLUNG
EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEPH	ANDRÉ BAUER	DUCHESS LUDOVIKA / MADAME WOLF	KATJA BERG

ORCHESTER DER VEREINIGTEN BÜHNEN WIEN
CONDUCTOR MICHAEL RÖMER

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CHOREOGRAPHY	SIMON EICHENBERGER	LIGHTING DESIGN	MICHAEL GRUNDNER

VIDEO DIRECTOR ERNST NEUMAYER

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BONUS

Maya Hakvoort performs 'Ich gehör nur mir' (with kind permission of C Major Entertainment)

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